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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington D. C. Feb. 21, 1907.—The last days of the session of Congress are busy ones and legislation which should have had weeks for consideration and discussion is being rushed through at furious rate. The first weeks which could have been fully occupied by the matters before Congress were given over to the discussion of the Brownsville affair, the Smoot case, half holidays and any other fancies that struck the minds of the Senators. For the first month one might have supposed that there was nothing to be done or that there was an unlimited time in which to do it. But if Congress was not busy in those early winter days the lobbies and the promoters were making hay while the sun shone and their preparation for the final struggle on several great questions was being perfected gradually but surely every day. The result is apparent now in the work going on in Congress. Bills are turned out every day in which the hand of the lobbyist is plainly apparent and in their haste the most conservative of Congressional forces are falling under the influence of the promoters. Washington hotels frequented by Congressmen are fairly filled with the representatives of interests involved in Congressional legislation and money and good fellowship and eloquence and persuasiveness and every other force is being skillfully employed to influence votes in both Houses. After the passage of each bill there is a sudden flight of hotel guests who have been in the city since the opening of Congress, showing that successful or unsuccessful their work here is finished for the season. It would be a revelation to voters if they could see the manipulation of their representatives about this period in each short session and realize to what extent their interests are jeopardized by the haste, the flurry and the indifference with which laws are railroaded through in the last days.

The public is still enjoying the

remark of one of the United States representatives who suggested that we should go to war with Japan, whip them and then make them take the Philippines as their punishment for provoking the fuss, and the general opinion of the public is that the Philippines should be loaded on our worst enemy. The President has lately had it brought to him that some of the best friends of the Philippines who a few months ago were all for keeping the Islands under our parent wing are now entertaining an exactly contrary opinion. The discussion of the Japanese question has brought the Philippine matter to the front again and in Congress the majority believe that the United States must get out of the Island at no remote date. A protectorate on our part is believed to be poor policy and the consensus of opinion favors the granting of independence to the Filipinos and the payment by them of our expenditures in the Islands. Mr. McCumber, the Senator from Washington has proposed that the United States should take two permanent coaling stations in the Islands; that two should be given to England and that for these two concessions the two nations should jointly guarantee the territorial integrity of the Islands after independence. This would be merely a pledge of nations and would be no guarantee of protection in case of war. In this way Mr. McCumber believes that the nations would be deprived of any ordinary pretext for war and that the Filipinos would work out their own National future. The United States could keep control of the customs houses until all debts to this country had been paid. The retention of the Philippines is conceded in Congress to mean a vast expenditure in fortifications and in additions to the Army and Navy. The question is one which is sure to come up in the next Republican convention and the leaders of the party are working to get some conclusions ready for embodiment in the platform.

The President has signed the new Immigration bill and the interest now centers in the men who will be appointed to serve on the commissions provided for in the bill. The President has said he would appoint no extremists, by this meaning those persons who are known to hold extreme or eccentric views on the subject or those identified with organizations either for or against immigration restrictions. The bill provides for one commission of nine persons to study and report upon the immigration problem. Three of these are Senators to be appointed by the Vice President and three are to be appointed by the Speaker of the House. The remaining three are to be appointed by the President and their salary will be fixed by him. The President is already besieged with applicants for the places but it is believed that long ago when the subject of a commission was proposed he already had in mind the men who would be best adapted for the work.

It is early to make predictions with reference to Presidential candidates but in these closing days of the Congressional session the air is full of straws. In the South and in other localities where organization means everything Fairbanks through his agents has pre-empted the regular forces. Wherever Congressional influence counts Speaker Cannon has a staunch following. Secretary Taft obstinately refuses to do anything but smile. The Press as represented in Washington is for him. All the boys like him but say that there is little chance for him because he will not do dirty work, which, according to their philosophy is indispensable to a successful candidacy. The opinion is growing that such weight of pressure from the North, South, East and West—Democratic Republican and Independent—will be brought upon Theodore Roosevelt that he will be swept in by the avalanche.

lanche. It is already evident that his program of reform will not be more than half completed by the end of the present term and it will be put up to him to serve four years longer or to turn away leaving his work half done.

But little is said about the candidacy of Leslie M. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury who will retire from this office on the Fourth of March. He would like to be President and he deserves to be elected to this highest office. He is a really great man. He is not a demagogue. He is not popular but he never speaks on any subject without illuminating it with flashes of an intelligence of the first order. In a recent speech before the Church Unions of Chicago he said: "My own idea of a church is a great religious democracy where the rich and the poor the educated and the ignorant, the cultured, and all others gather to worship and commune with a being so far exalted as to make relative human conditions unmentionable, unthinkable, and unnoticeable in his presence. I do not know that such conditions are practiced everywhere, but our Catholic friends seem fairly successful in their maintenance."

WOMAN A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

"Women may be inferior beings, but there seems to be no reason why a woman of forty, should be as ignorant as a boy of twelve," wrote Sidney Smith, about a century ago, in making a plea for better educational opportunities for women. At that time the Common Law of England prevailed in this country and the position of women in France was similar to that imposed by the Napoleonic Code that deprived them of many privileges. The changed position of women in both countries to-day is exemplified in a thousand ways, but nothing, perhaps, better illustrates the changed public attitude towards them and their capabilities than the spectacle (in France) of Madame Curie lecturing on electricity and kindred subjects in the Sorbonne; and of a great magazine (in America) engaging a woman to write the history of "The Tariff in Our Times," when so lately it was held that women knew naught of finance and could not understand political economy.

Yet France and the United States of America—both Republics—which make a boast of their universal suffrage, exclude Madame Curie and Ida Tarbell respectively from their citizenship, because, forsooth, they happened to be born women.

CAN YOU BREATHE.

To practice deep breathing, draw in the air slowly, easily and fully. When you have filled your lungs, without straining, hold your breath in for a few seconds, then slowly and steadily breathe out through the nose, and keep your lungs empty for a few seconds before another inspiration. The muscles of the body which the will does not directly control, like the heart and respiratory organs, work rhythmically.

Therefore in breathing do not gasp and hurry and change your pace every minute.

To practice the right method hold yourself, sitting or standing, in a natural, erect fashion, with your head raised, throat free and arms hanging loosely, says The Home Magazine. Do not practice within an hour after meals, and if you get dizzy it is a sign that you should stop. Mouth breathing causes the nose to become eventually blocked up through disuse. This has its effect on the voice. Resonance and intensity are lost because the sound which should ordinarily pass through the nose is deadened.

A CHAMPION SPELLER.

The champion speller of Lancaster county Pa., is Ralph Schlosser, who delights in attending the old-time spelling bee to compete for honors. He is a native of Schoenock, being a son of Rev. J. W. Schlosser, of that place, and has competed in all parts of Northern Lancaster county. Within the last decade he has won over 170 trophies.

A RESCUE IN MIDAIR.

Perilous Feat of Climbing Up a Skyscraper Frame.

A LIFE WAS IN THE BALANCE.

Quick Wit and Strong Nerves at a Critical Moment in a Building Accident—Why One Man Has a Warm Spot in His Heart For Our Sailors.

"I was working on a steel framed skyscraper in one of our large coast cities on a July day some years ago," said the man who told of the exciting, almost tragic incident. "We had reached the eighth story, and, as the floors were somewhat more than ten feet apart, the top beams were well up in the air.

"One forenoon I was inside an elevator well between the seventh and eighth stories fastening the guide to the sheet steel wall. One of the other sides was also covered with steel, but the other two were open.

"At 11:30 we reached a set of holes six feet above the seventh floor. To get at these I was obliged to sit upon a board supported by two tall wooden horses standing on planks laid across the shaft and forming a loose scaffolding. Through its openings I could look down clear to the basement, more than seventy feet below. Behind me, on the opposite side of the shaft, were lashed short perpendicular ladders, up and down which the men were constantly passing, for the elevator well was the main thoroughfare of the huge steel skeleton.

"Noon struck. In less than a minute the ladders were covered with men climbing down. There were a lot of 12 o'clock fellows on the job who would rather leave a bolt half driven than work a second overtime. A gang right over me had just put a heavy steel header in place on the edge of the shaft. Two or three bolts had been driven into one end, but the other was as yet unfastened. It would have taken only a few minutes at the most to make everything secure, but at the first stroke of the hour they dropped their tools and hurried to dinner.

"A sudden strong hot wind swept through the frame, making the loose planks rattle. Something grated above my head. I looked up, and for a moment my blood stopped running. The gust had struck the nicely balanced header with just enough force to make it totter. Slowly its loose end swung downward; then it lurched quickly and slid into the well.

"As it dropped it just cleared my head. It sheared through the middle of the scaffolding as if the thick planks were rotten paper. Down it shot, gaining momentum with every foot, its lower end making the opposite wall clean of ladders.

"Smash! Bang! Grind! All was over in a few seconds. Dust rose, and when the turmoil had subsided there was I sitting on my board with seventy-five feet of empty air between me and the debris at the bottom of the well.

"The falling header had taken out the middle of the scaffolding, leaving only the side planks on which the horses stood. The shock had moved one of these planks two or three inches, so that a leg of the horse upon it just overhung the edge. A little more and the horse would topple into the shaft, taking its support from the board on which I sat and hurling me down to a frightful death.

"I knew that I had been seen and my peril understood. The building was on a crowded business street, and the crash of the falling beam had attracted the attention of hundreds of people. A great silent throng soon blocked all traffic. I could see their upturned faces and an occasional pointed finger. Their very stillness terrified me, for I knew that it was my mortal danger that held them spellbound.

"But there was one in that throng who did something more than sympathize. He was a sailor on shore leave from a United States battleship in the harbor. Running into a store, he obtained a hundred feet of new, strong rope, looped it about his shoulders and began to clamber toward me. As there were no ladders left, he was forced to swarm up the steel uprights.

"At first, however, I did not see him, for close to me something happened that drove everything else from my mind.

"A barely perceptible movement fastened my eyes on the leg of the horse. Painfully scrutinizing the spot where it rested, I saw that the plank was being pushed slowly but surely along by the lateral pressure of the other legs. I watched it, fascinated. It was only a question of a very short time when I should be hurled into the pit.

"Suddenly, three stories below, I saw a man climbing toward me. He was dressed in a blue suit and a flat cap edged with white letters. A coil of

rope hung round his neck. Up he came like a monkey, arms, legs, hands, feet, all doing their part. Would he be in time to save me? He was a swarthy Spanish looking fellow, not very tall, with black mustache and good natured face. Two stories below me his cap dropped off, revealing his thick curly hair. Several times he slipped back slightly, and I noticed the dull red smears on his clothing from the freshly painted beams.

"I watched him tensely. He glanced up and caught my eye.

"'Cheer up, mate!' he exclaimed. 'I'll have this rope round you in a jiffy.'

"Another slight movement of the plank. I groaned. The bluejacket heard me, and it stimulated him to do his utmost. It was a race between him and the retreating wood. On his lithe muscles my life depended.

"The leg now hung on its support by the merest fraction of its width. It might slip off at any second. I no longer saw the sailor. The sound of his climbing and his heavy breathing came to me, but I did not dare to turn my head.

"I closed my lids for an instant. When I opened them, the leg was entirely off the plank. The horse tipped, and the board under me tilted downward.

"I gave one last despairing glance at the steel wall and at the dolly suspended by its chain. Could those small rusted links support 180 pounds more? The thought flashed into my brain. There was no time for debating. As the board dropped from under me I flung out my hands and twined my fingers round the chain with the grip of death.

"Over the top of the wall, four feet above, appeared the bluejacket's anxious face.

"'Quick!' I screamed.

"'Catch hold!' shouted he, and down on my head dropped a loop of rope. As I clutched it with one hand a link in the chain pulled out, and the fifty pound bar shot down to the bottom of the well. Two minutes later I lay safe on the working platform above. Then everything turned black.

"When I came to myself I was lying on a bench in the tool shanty. One of my friends was dousing me with cold water, while others were grouped round, but the sailor, to whose coolness and dexterity I owed my life, was nowhere to be seen. He had fastened the rope under my arms and lowered me down insensible. Then he had descended, picked up his cap and disappeared.

"I never see a bluejacket without thinking of the one who saved my life, and that is why I have always had a warm place in my heart for the sailors of the United States navy."—Youth's Companion.

SALT RIVER.

It is a Real Stream, Although Not a Navigable One.

Salt river, sacred to defeated candidates, is a real stream. While not navigable, it is used every winter as an ice harbor by the towboats which go out of Pittsburg for the south.

Salt river empties into the Ohio above twenty-five miles south of Louisville. It is a small stream, which flows from the Kentucky hills to the great water, and is as tortuous, as crooked and as unpleasant to navigate as the mind can imagine. Yet it is navigated for a short distance from its mouth by steamers of light draft. Flatboats and rafts are floated down upon its bosom. Before the civil war it was an important stream in the matter of bringing Kentucky whisky down in the flatboats to a point where they could be unloaded to a river steamer. Refractory slaves were generally assigned to the task of bringing these boats down, as the work was arduous.

Salt river became a bugaboo among the negroes, and it was from the unpleasant character of the work on this river that a trip up Salt river" came to be used in politics to express the destination of a defeated candidate.

There is not a river captain or pilot in Pittsburg who does not know Salt river, and there are few who have not sought shelter within its mouth when the ice was running out of the Ohio.

The salt name is supposed to have come from the salt springs which flow into it at its source. It is also said the name grew out of the fact that great quantities of salt produced in the Kentucky country are floated down this stream.—Fuel.

A Dramatic Death.

A sergeant major of an infantry regiment stationed in Bremen was sentenced to a slight disciplinary punishment for having mortally wounded a man with a revolver in the course of a fight. He appealed against this, but was informed that his appeal had been rejected. He then ordered his men to load their rifles with blank cartridges, but during their absence reloaded them with ball cartridges. He then drew up his men in firing line and carefully showed them how to aim their rifles straight at his heart. With the utmost calm he then ordered, "Fire!" and fell with four bullets through his heart.

THE INDEPENDENT

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Thursday, Feb'y 28, '07

CHURCH SERVICES.

Parish of St. Paul's Memorial P. E. Church, Oaks, Perkiomen, Audubon. The Rev. T. P. Ege, rector. Sunday services: Union Church, Audubon, 10.45 a. m., with Holy Communion first in month. St. Paul's, Oaks, 3.30 p. m., with Holy Communion third in month 8.30 a. m. Children's Evensong last in month 3 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Vested choir. Free will contributions. Cordial welcome. The rector, residing at Oaks, will be pleased to receive calls for visitation or ministrations. Address Oaks P. O.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. W. G. Steck pastor. Sabbath School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Song and prayer service, 7 p. m.

Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. O. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Catechetical class on Sunday at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Evening service and sermon, 3. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

Trappe Circuit United Evangelical Church, Rev. George R. Riffert, pastor. In view of the fact that the annual conference will be in session at Tamaqua from February 27 to March 5, there will be no preaching on the included Sabbath. Other services will be as follows: Trappe—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Sunday School, 2 p. m. Limerick—Sunday School, 9.30 a. m.; C. E., 7.30 p. m.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia: 7.03, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sunday—7.11 a. m., 6.23 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 3.24, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

Home and Abroad.

—Supper and bazar
—In Firemen's hall
—Next Saturday evening,
—For the benefit of the Fire Company.

—Your presence and patronage will be appreciated.

—Last day of the month observation:

—As to frigid weather,
—February, 1907,
—Is a record breaker.

—For more than a month past the Perkiomen has been covered with ice measuring from 10 to 16 inches in thickness.

—But we'll forget all about it next July.

—Charles Haws, aged 63, died suddenly at the home of his mother in Norristown, Wednesday night of last week.

—A boiler works is a prospective new industry in Royersford, and that town's Board of Trade is trying hard to land it.

—“There are people,” said an old divine, “who lead us heavenward, but they stick pins in us all the way.”

—The Boyertown Board of Health will shortly begin the inspection of milk brought to that town.

—W. H. H. Spears, of Reading, has a Catholic prayer book printed in German at Wien, Austria, 202 years ago.

—The newest fad at the Reading market houses are stalls devoted exclusively to the sale of souvenir postal cards.

—The memory of a mother has saved more men than all the systems of theology the world has ever had.—Florida Times-Union.

—A monument will be erected by the Sons of America over the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers buried in Ellis' woods, near Pottstown.

—Daniel F. Wohler, of Schubert, claims to be the champion cordwood chopper in Berks county, having chopped 100 cords this winter.

—Years rest lightly on the shoulders of the man whose heart is filled with generous impulses.—Florida Times-Union.

—Pottstown will have a larger building boom this year than for a long time, the result of a shortage of homes for that town's increasing industrial population.

—In a solid piece of white oak, 30 by 34 inches, Ezra Yoder, of Oley Line, drilled 1720 holes and with a scroll saw produced the Lord's Prayer.

—Norristown's new Council will stand 22 Republicans to 8 Democrats, and Conshohocken's 12 Republicans to 3 Democrats.

W. C. T. U.

The Collegeville Union will hold the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. E. A. Krusen, Tuesday, March 5, at 3 p. m.

Insurance Tax Levied.

The Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company has levied a tax of \$1.50 per thousand. It will date from March 1st. The last tax was in February, 1906.

\$500 Reward.

The County Commissioners at their recent regular monthly meeting decided to offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers who were guilty of the strange Italian's death in Cheltenham township about two weeks ago.

Very Large Lemon.

A lemon, measuring 14½ x 15½ inches, and weighing one pound and nine ounces is a part of the product of a lemon tree in the extensive greenhouse of Burgess F. J. Clamer of this borough. It is the largest fruit specimen of its kind ever seen in this locality.

An Interesting Joshua.

Joshua Strickler, of Uniontown, Pa., who is 86 years old and has been married 57 years, never wore a pair of shoes, having worn boots all his life. He still shaves with the razor he purchased 70 years ago and which he has used ever since.

Runaway.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoover, of this borough, attended a meeting of the River Brethren near Gratersford. When they were about to start home Mr. Hoover's gray trotter gave him the slip and ran away, compelling him and Mrs. Hoover to walk home. The horse was located next morning.

Postmaster Banqueted.

Twenty-six employees of the Norristown post office tendered a banquet Thursday evening to Postmaster Brownback at the Hotel Hartranft. It was in honor of Mr. Brownback's recent appointment. Assistant Postmaster Harry L. Sullivan was the toastmaster, and several pleasant hours were spent around the festive board.

Two Fire Horses Killed.

In responding to an alarm in Norristown, Thursday morning, two horses attached to the fire engine of the Humane Company, collided with an ice wagon of the Merchants Ice Company, at Marshall and Markley streets. Both of the fire company's horses were killed, one instantly and the other hurt so seriously that it was shot. They were valued at \$500.

In Wedlock 67 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Valentine, of Hatboro, Thursday, observed the sixty-seventh anniversary of their marriage quietly at home. William P. Valentine was born January 15, 1820, and is, therefore 87 years old. Mrs. Mary Valentine, his wife, was born October 20, 1817, so she is nearly 90 years of age. Though both are feeble their faculties are in good condition.

"Mile of Pennies"

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Sayre, Bradford county, Pa., is trying to collect a "mile of pennies" as a part of the churches building fund. The members of the congregation have narrow strips of paper, just a foot in length. The length is divided into inches and the side is covered with glue. Those to whom the strips of paper are presented are requested to moisten the glue and to cause spare pennies to adhere to the strips. Each foot will hold exactly 16 pennies. Thus a mile of these strips completely filled will add \$844.80 to the building fund.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Uncafer, of Givertown, Stark county, Ind. This king of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lung, is guaranteed by J. W. Culbert, druggist, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Operetta, at Schwenksville.

An operetta, "Cinderella in Flow-erland," will be given by the young folks of the Lutheran Church, Schwenksville, Pa., in Bromer's Hall, on Saturday evening, March 16, 1907. The music is brilliant and catchy, and the costumes are bright and attractive. It promises to be one of the most popular entertainments given in the Perkiomen valley. Admission, 10 and 20 cents. Reserved seat tickets, 25 cents, can be had at Rahn's store.

Century Old Patron of Barber Shop.

Jenkintown residents, Saturday, saw Isaac Mather, of Cheltenham Hills, who was 100 years old in October last, drive up Greenwood avenue, accompanied by his son, Israel Mather, aged 75, stop at a barber shop near the old York road, step from the carriage and walk into the shop, practically unassisted. Unless the weather happens to be stormy on Saturday morning, Mr. Mather makes the trip each week.

Right of Way Secured.

The right of way for the Lederachville and Pennsburg Electric Railway, from Lederachville to Palm, has been secured, with the exception of the franchises in the boroughs of Pennsburg, East Greenville and Red Hill. The Montgomery County Rapid Transit Company, which will operate the road in connection with the line between Trooper and Souderton has awarded a contract to the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company for generators and engines at a cost of more than \$60,000.

Farmer Accidentally Shoots Hired Girl.

On Monday, Oswin S. Sweinhart, of near Pennsburg, was about to shoot several hogs in his barnyard when his rifle was accidentally discharged and the bullet killed Clara Shuler, aged 14 years. The girl was a domestic and was working in the kitchen of the Sweinhart home some distance away. When the rifle was discharged a scream was heard in the kitchen, and when members of the family entered the girl was found unconscious upon the floor with a bullet wound in her forehead. She died a half hour later.

Automobile Scares Horse—Runaway the Result.

Friday afternoon Mr. Hunsicker, of Ironbridge, was delivering store goods in the upper part of this borough, when his pair of horses frightened at an automobile running at the rate of about forty miles an hour. The animals tore the hitching strap, plunged into Mrs. Preston's front yard, and then turned about and crossed Main street and came to a halt on the college campus. The wagon, colliding with a post checked the gait of the runaways, and was somewhat damaged. The number of the automobile, that turned toward Royersford at Trappe, was procured and some-body will have a fine to pay, by and by.

Ladies' Aid.

At the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church, held Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Sponsler, it was decided that the Society would paper and install the necessary gas fixtures in the new parsonage. Following the business meeting an interesting program was rendered as follows: Piano duet, Mrs. G. L. Omwake and Miss Stella Faringer; recitation, Garry Myres; violin solo, Marshall Sponsler; recitations, Abram Allebach and Henry G. Maeder; vocal duet, Mrs. Challen and Mrs. Barrett; recitation, James Hamer. The Society will next meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Fenton, on April 8.

Common Colds are the Cause of Many Serious Diseases.

Physicians who have gained a national reputation as analysts of the cause of various diseases, claim that if catching cold could be avoided a long list of dangerous ailments would never be heard of. Ever one knows that pneumonia and consumption originate from a cold, and chronic catarrh, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles are aggravated and rendered more serious by each fresh attack. Do not risk your life or take chances when you have a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure it before these diseases develop. This remedy contains no opium, morphine or other harmful drug and has thirty years of reputation back of it, gained by its cures under every condition. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Collegeville, and M. T. Hunsicker, Rahn's Station.

Firemen's Supper and Bazar.

The firemen's supper and bazar at their hall in this borough, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week and on Tuesday evening of this week, attracted the attendance of many patrons. The number present on Saturday evening crowded both lower rooms and the hall on the second floor. At the supper tables in the engine room the waiters were kept busy serving oysters in all styles, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, etc. In the adjoining room the large candy table well supplied with choice homemade candies received liberal patronage. On the second floor the long table upon which were arranged many useful and fancy articles in china, cut glass ware, etc., etc., attracted much attention. Next Saturday night, March 2, promises even a larger attendance than upon any previous evening. Come and bring all your friends.

Public Meeting of Keystone Grange No. 2, of Trappe.

Surprise and gratification followed disappointment at the public meeting of Keystone Grange, No. 2, of Trappe, in Mr. Merrifield's hall, last Thursday afternoon. At two o'clock, the hour for opening the meeting, no tidings from the prominent speaker, Hon. Mortimer Whitehead, of N. J., who was expected to be present, had been received, and much disappointment was felt by all in attendance. The Grange having talent of its own to meet emergencies, it was decided to proceed with an impromptu program. Captain H. H. Petherolf presided and delivered a brief and interesting address with relation to Grange work, and called upon Messrs. J. K. Thomson and Richards, of Plymouth, John Wanner of Keystone Grange, A. F. Saylor of Pottsgrove, and E. S. Moser, for remarks, all of whom responded. Miss Hannah Ashenfelter favored the audience with two vocal solos, and Miss Amy Ashenfelter gave several recitations. Mr. Merrifield, who utilized his graphophone, and the Misses Ashenfelter, contributed much to the success of the meeting. It was after three o'clock, when Mr. Whitehead's arrival was announced. He had been unavoidably belated. He was received with much enthusiasm and proceeded to deliver an address that was replete with information as to the effective and important work accomplished by the organization of farmers in many States. The wide range of his observations and the many details cited to illustrate the goodly influences and benefits of the Grange, as indicated by its numerous achievements in the procurement of needed legislation, in advancing the best social interests of rural communities, and so on, fully sustained his reputation as a well informed, resourceful, and very interesting speaker on Grange topics. The speaker stated that the Department of Agriculture at Washington, the free rural mail delivery, the tax upon oleomargarine, and the introduction of the good roads movement were all due to the influence of farmers acting through Grange organizations, and that the Grange has never as yet failed in any of its undertakings to advance the interests of farmers in the direction of legislative enactments. His excellent address was keenly appreciated by all present. It is to be hoped that the meeting will result in additional interest being taken in the Keystone Grange, No. 2. It is certainly an organization of worthy aims and purposes and should be made to enlarge the scope of its influence.

A Very Old Lady.

Mrs. Mary Smith, residing on Randolph street, Meadville, and believed to be the oldest woman in Northwestern Pennsylvania, celebrated her one hundred and second birthday on Wednesday. She is in good health, walking with the assistance of a cane. She goes up and down stairs easily, works a little, reads a little, and is spending a happy old age. She recalls events of the war of 1812 and remembers with vividness the visit of Lafayette to this country in 1824. She was born in Middletown, Mass.

Rising From the Grave.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertilwell, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's Disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years. Guaranteed at J. W. Culbert's, the druggist. Price only 50c."

Large Funeral.

About one thousand persons attended the funeral of the late Rev. Wm. Anders at the Schwenkfelder church, Worcester, on Tuesday. About two hundred teams were on the church grounds and in an adjacent field, and the auditorium of the church was inadequate in size to afford even standing room for all who had come to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of one who had endeared himself to them in many ways. Rev. O. S. Kriebel, of Pennsburg Seminary, delivered the funeral discourse. Revs. Meschter and Heebner also participated in the exercises. Many persons were present from a distance. The Directors of the Montgomery National Bank, Norristown, attended in a body. The arrangements were in charge of undertaker C. M. Pool, of Skippack.

DEATHS.

Joel Harley died, after a lingering illness, on Tuesday at his home near Trappe, aged about 60 years. The widow and one son, Winfield, survive. The funeral will be held on Sunday next at one o'clock. All services at the house. Interment at the old Evangelical cemetery, Trappe; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Susan, wife of William Hildebiddle of Skippack, died on Tuesday, aged 33 years. The funeral will be held on Sunday at 10 a. m. Interment at Lower Mennonite cemetery, Skippack; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Oscar Walker Hunsicker, son of C. D. and Annie Hunsicker, of Upper Providence, died on Tuesday, after an illness of six months, at the age of 28 years. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 10 a. m. Services in Trinity Reformed church at 12 o'clock, followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery; undertaker Bechtel in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hunsicker graduated from Ursinus College as a member of the class of 1901, and successfully following the profession of teaching for several years. Last fall he took charge as principal of the Pennsburg public schools. A few days after the opening of the term he suffered a severe attack of rheumatism and was taken to his home, where he suffered continuously until death came and claimed a faithful son, a good teacher, a useful man.

Mrs. Rodenbough, widow of the late Rev. Henry S. Rodenbough, died on Thursday in Norristown at the age of 91 years. The funeral was held on Monday. Interment at the Lower Providence Presbyterian church.

Zwinglian Declaration Contest.

Zwinglian members of the freshman class of Ursinus College held a declaration contest in Bomberger Hall last Friday night. The first prize of \$10 was awarded to Joseph Yost, whose selection was "Eulogy on Washington." Garry Cleveland Myers won the second prize of \$5. His subject was the "Volunteer Soldier of the Union," by Ingersoll. Fredrick Leroy Moser received honorable mention on Ingersoll's "Happiness and Liberty." Other contestants and their declarations were: Henry Germanus Maeder, "Sparticus to the Gladiators"; Paul Allen Mertz, "Death of Lafayette"; Blanche Rena Sponsler, "The Legend of the Organ Builder"; Robert Smyser Thomas, "Boots"; Prof. N. M. Emery, South Bethlehem; Prof. A. R. Rutt, of Ardmore, and Prof. R. E. Laramy, Phoenixville, were judges.

Cat Contest.

Lancaster county cat fanciers are just now engaged in a good-natured contest as to who has the largest tabby. Peter Endroff, of Columbia, bar clerk at Hotel Columbia, has a common Maltese cat that stands 18 inches high and is 24 inches around the body. It measures 13 inches from tip of nose to tip of tail. This cat weighs 16½ pounds. Mrs. Anna Rambo, of Dry Hill Gap, has one which is a good second to Endroff's. It stands 14 inches high and 20½ inches around the body. It measures 14 inches from tip of nose to tip of tail, and weighs 15 pounds.

Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Allegheny, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed at J. W. Culbert's drug store. 25c.

Historical Society Meeting.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Society was held at Norristown last Friday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Joseph Fornance; vice-presidents, Rev. A. A. Marple, Rev. T. R. Beeber, Henry W. Kratz; treasurer, Dr. W. H. Reed; recording secretary, Miss Frances Fox; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Conrad Jones; trustees, Ashley P. Hunter, Samuel F. Jarrett, William W. Potts, Jacob A. Strassberger, Mrs. Tacy Cresson, J. O. K. Roberts, of the Phoenixville Messenger, read a very interesting paper, "The Story of Patrick Gordon," who resided in a cave at Mont Clare and held possession of a tract of 700 acres in Providence. It was resolved that a rough rock face granite boulder be erected to mark the site of Sullivan's bridge over the Schuylkill, on the Wetherill estate, and that an effort be made to construct a bridge across the Schuylkill at that point.

Meeting of Township Supervisors at Norristown.

About fifty township supervisors met in Court Room 1, Norristown, Thursday morning, and effected a permanent organization to be known as the Montgomery County Supervisors' Association. Commissioner Hunter, of the Highway Department, Harrisburg, was present and made an interesting address. Permanent officers were elected, as follows: Chairman, D. M. Anders; vice-chairmen, Wm. Haginbotham, of Upper Providence, and H. A. Shaner, of Lower Providence; secretary, J. B. Krouse, of Lower Pottsgrove; treasurer, Horace Ashenfelter, of Upper Providence; executive committee, John C. Morgan, Worcester, Richard Connelly, Lower Providence, J. Wayne Heebner, Norriton, George H. Miller, Whitmarsh, James M. Hildebittel, Frederick. The association reconvened in the afternoon and listened to speeches by Commissioner Hunter, Senator A. B. Roberts, and Representative John H. Rex, who spoke of the necessity of urging the Legislature to appropriate a large sum for good roads in order that there be no interval of several years before the work can be resumed.

PERSONAL.

Leidy Ashenfelter and Charles Pink of the Williamson Trade School, visited their parents from Friday to Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ashenfelter, of Norristown, visited Mrs. Susan Ashenfelter, Saturday.

Harvey F. Geist, formerly of near Oaks, now of Allentown, was in town Tuesday morning.

Clifton S. Hunsicker and family, of Norristown visited Daniel Bartman, Sunday.

Mrs. William Prizer has rented part of the residence of Mrs. Gideon Fetterolf and will move about the first of April.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Faringer returned Friday from a visit to their son, Dr. H. R. Faringer, of Mt. Holly.

Professor G. L. Omwake is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Essig entertained the following visitors at dinner, Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Mach, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Essig and son, Miss Ella Swavely, all of Pottstown and George Livenood, of Collegeville. Three musicians from Pottstown furnished music.

Ironbridge Echoes.

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Silver Link Literary Society will be held this Thursday evening.

A postal shower was tendered Miss Maud Mattis, on the 26th, in honor of her birthday. She received quite a number of cards.

A surprise party was given Miss Florence Hunsicker on Saturday evening. About forty of her friends were present. All report having had a delightful time.

Among the visitors the past week were: Mr. John Ashenfelter of Trappe, Charles Undercoffer, Stanley Hunsicker and Duffy Welsh of Philadelphia, Miss Longstreth and Miss Noyce of Ambler, and Miss Sell of Philadelphia.

Twenty-one cows were recently sold at a drover's sale in Pottstown for the very high average of \$50 per head.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, February 21.

Colonel Michael Hurley, a prominent business man of Trenton, N. J., died suddenly of heart trouble, aged 55 years.

Francisco Raffo, a convict, was stabbed to death by Michael Yoscov, a fellow-convict, in Dannemora prison, at Plattsburg, N. Y.

In a quarrel over a land deal, Harvey J. Crouch, a young farmer, was shot and killed by his cousin, George P. Brown, at Gay, Ga.

Ell Smith, an Alaskan mail carrier, with his sled on wheels, drawn by seven Eskimo dogs, arrived in Washington and was received by the president.

Friday, February 22.

Harry P. Crowell, formerly a prominent politician in Philadelphia, committed suicide by turning on the gas.

Charles Haws, aged 63 years, a well-known manufacturer of Norristown, Pa., dropped dead of fatty degeneration of the heart.

William C. McMillan, eldest son of the late United States Senator James McMillan, and a prominent lawyer of Detroit, died suddenly.

After providing for his funeral expenses by depositing a sum of money on a table, John Nelmas, a retired merchant of Brooklyn, committed suicide in Los Angeles, Cal., by shooting himself.

Saturday, February 23.

Nine coal miners were injured, two fatally, by an explosion in a mine at Collinsville, Ill.

James F. McKay and wife were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in their home at Yonkers, N. Y.

Dr. John C. Brady committed suicide in his office in Philadelphia by drinking carbolic acid.

George D. Musgrove, writer of war stories, was found dead on the road near his farm at Madison, Wis.

The racing mare Colonial Girl was sold at Lexington, Ky., to J. E. Weidner, of Philadelphia, for \$10,000.

While despondent, Mrs. Beattie Thomas committed suicide at Spartanburg, S. C., by jumping into a well.

Monday, February 25.

Rear Admiral Joseph E. Craig has been placed on the retired list on account of age.

While on his way to pay off his men Amos Clark was fatally shot and robbed of \$600 at Augusta, Ga.

John H. Lewis, a prominent lawyer of Lynchburg, Va., died suddenly on a train while enroute home from Roanoke.

Three children of Charles Watkins, colored, were burned to death in their home at Baltimore while their parents were away.

A premature explosion of dynamite in the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company's No. 11 mine, near Tamaqua, Pa., caused the death of William Schaeffer.

Tuesday, February 26.

Following six weeks of illness, Mrs. Wilmer Fell attempted to commit suicide in Wilmington, Del., by shooting, but will recover.

Mayor Charles Davis, of El Paso, Texas, and Colonel John W. Brady are critically ill of ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating canned tomatoes.

Mrs. Holbrook, wife of Captain W. A. Holbrook, United States army, detailed at Pennsylvania Military College, died at Chester, Pa., of pneumonia.

Mrs. Benjamin C. Wright and her daughter were found dead and Mr. Wright in a dying condition in their home at Denver, Col., from taking cyanide of potassium.

Wednesday, February 27.

Francis Godino was hanged at Bradford, Pa., for the murder of another Italian.

The New Jersey legislature elected Joshua E. Borton, of Burlington, state director of railroads.

George T. Jones was killed and William H. Brown had his right hand torn off by the fall of a derrick boom at Baltimore.

Miss Ellen Prickett, formerly an employee in the agricultural department at Washington, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for forgery.

Governor Stuart tendered a reception to the members of the Pennsylvania legislature and state officials at the executive mansion at Harrisburg.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA FLOUR firm; winter extras, \$2.70 to \$2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.95 to \$3.15; city mills, fancy, \$4.60 to \$4.65. RYE FLOUR steady; per barrel, \$3.65. WHEAT steady; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, 78 1/2¢; No. 2 yellow, 79¢; No. 2 white, 80¢. CORN firm; No. 2 yellow, 44¢; No. 2 white, 45¢. OATS steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 48¢ to 49¢; lower grades, 47¢. HAY steady; No. 1 timothy, large bales, \$21. PORK steady; family, per barrel, \$19.50. BEEF steady; beef hams, per barrel, \$19. POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 13¢; old roosters, 9¢. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 14¢; old roosters, 10¢. BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 36¢; EGGS firm; selected, 30¢ to 32¢; near by, 28¢; southern, 25¢ to 27¢. POTATOES firm; 58¢ to 60¢, per bushel.

BALTIMORE WHEAT steady; No. 2 spot, 80¢ to 81¢; steamer No. 2 spot, 74¢ to 75¢; southern, 74¢ to 75¢. CORN firm; mixed spot, 51¢ to 51 1/2¢; steamer mixed, 49¢ to 49 1/2¢; southern, 49¢ to 51¢. OATS firm; No. 2, 44¢ to 45¢; No. 3, 43¢ to 44¢. BUTTER firm; creamery separator extras, 33¢ to 34¢; held, 25¢ to 26¢; prints, 34¢ to 35¢. Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 20¢ to 21¢. EGGS firm; fancy Maryland and Pennsylvania, 27¢ to 29¢; Virginia, 28¢; West Virginia, 28¢; southern, 28¢ to 29¢.

PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE steady; choice, \$5.75 to \$6; prime, \$5.50 to \$5.65. HOGS steady; prime heavies, mediums, heavy and light Yorkers, \$7.50; pigs, \$7.15; roughs, \$6.75. SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$5.95 to \$6.35; culls and common, \$2 to \$3; lambs, \$6 to \$7.50; veal calves, \$2 to \$3.50.

Items From Trappe.

A regular meeting of Town Council was held Monday evening. The acetylene gas ordinance appears to have been laid away for an indefinite period.

Those who missed Hon. Mortimer Whitehead's address, last Thursday afternoon, missed a treat.

Wilson Brunner is critically ill with an affection of the heart.

Mrs. Daniel Stulter is on the sick list.

Miss Edna Keeler, one of the nurses at the Pottstown Hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Keeler, Sunday.

J. Harvey Thomas, motorman, continues ill and unable to resume his duties.

The tenth anniversary of the Luther League of Augustus Lutheran church will be celebrated on Saturday evening, March 9. Further particulars next week.

At the recent interment at St. Luke's cemetery of the late Mrs. A. J. Hibbsman, of Philadelphia, whose death was noted in last week's INDEPENDENT, six sons of the departed mother, five of whom are ministers, served as pallbearers.

Jottings From Limerick.

The revival meetings at the Evangelical church will close this week.

Harry Miller had his right foot severely bruised by a cake of ice falling upon it at Kern's ice house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Zeller, of Philadelphia, were the guests of T. D. Kline and family, Sunday.

Sarah Pennypacker, of Schwenksville, spent several days recently with Dr. and Mrs. Kuiper.

Daniel Kline visited his father at Salfordville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippen, of Pottstown, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Linderman, Sunday.

John S. Kugler, a retired farmer, died at his residence near Linfield, on Thursday, aged 71 years, 11 months and 14 days. The cause of death was double pneumonia, from which he suffered for one week. His wife, Mary, and the following children survive: Horace, of Philadelphia; Rev. Newton, of Delaware; Howard, of Limerick Centre; Elmer, of Spring City; Pierce and Charles, of Limerick township. The funeral was held on Tuesday. Interment at Limerick Centre.

FROM OAKS.

There was little excitement at the spring election, held this winter, in the Lower election district, and about seventy votes were polled out of a possible four hundred or more votes. As it was all one-sided, why the right side was in the lead, John McBride received one vote for Road Commissioner, and if he would have received one hundred and one votes he might have been elected. Bert Smith received one vote as School Director, which is proof positive the general make-up of this community know a good thing when they see it and still hold a spirit of loving kindness in the political arena for McBride and Smith, two of our worthy citizens. It is the first time we failed to cast our vote, and as no one cared to get out the vote, we were indifferent about the matter; but it is then we are on a level with all mankind, at least before we have cast our vote. Weak-kneed party men feared the weather. One election day in a year is sufficient, and the fall election is free from cold waves and zero weather, though there are exceptions when it snowed the next day; but the frosty freezing cold weather in the winter elections has a tendency to knock out all enthusiasm and chills patriotism and party fealty falls below the freezing point.

The old soldier is busy getting into line proving date of birth, and the many years he lived where he does now; whether he has the same teeth he chews his food now as when he chewed cartridges, almost a half century ago; whether he is the same fellow he was then, or whether he was twins. The mere fact of your knowing you are of such an age, because your parents said so, and your neighbors know so, judgment by appearances butters no parsnips; but you must have a record of the same, the family Bible, your birth entered therein by your paternal's own handwriting, quill or

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steel pen. It is well the law is hedged about with all these little technicalities, but when the government considers everybody a rascal, if he served in the rank and file in the army during the Civil War, why all these requirements are necessary. The government wants to know whether you were there when you were born.

The flag factory expects to receive a very large order for flags, and the flag business will receive an impetus which will keep it a-going for some time and be the means of giving work to many families, and keep the almighty dollar, the nimble sixpence, the silver certificate, on the bounce, with the exception of that which goes into the long-legged stocking.

George Yocum, Leila Price, Edna Gotwals, and Myrtle Rambo, took part in the entertainment given by the Upper Providence Alumni in the Mennonite schoolhouse, Saturday evening.

Through a glass we saw the stars and stripes waving from the observatory, Mount Joy, Valley Forge Park, Washington's birthday. The cherry tree episode has become so old a chestnut that it might have been a chestnut tree the immortal George chopped down with his little hatchet.

The continued cold weather has put renewed activity into the ice harvest, and there is every probability there will be ice-cutting into April.

The six long weeks of the ground hog regime will end as a record breaker of winter weather in a few weeks.

There is good skating on the Perkiomen, and the American Ice Company is filling the ice house with second-crop ice eight inches in thickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosteller and son, of Reading, visited Mr. and Mrs. John B. Dettra and Mrs. Rambo, Sunday.

Charles C. Walts died at his home, Hagerstown, Maryland, February 21, and was buried in Morris cemetery, Phoenixville, Monday afternoon. Mr. Walts was related to the Walts family of Audubon. He married a daughter of photographer Yarnall, who resided near Phoenixville. He was a veteran of the civil war, and while residing here was a member of Post 45, G. A. R., Phoenixville Twenty years ago or more he took up his residence in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Jack Taylor, who has been in the brick business in St. Louis, Mo., returned to his home, Oaks, Saturday.

George Richardson, of Reading, visited his son-in-law Milton Campbell, Saturday.

The barber is still the subject of steady inquiry as to his whereabouts.

If you haven't your ice house filled, you'd better get a move on, for there is to be a thaw.

District Attorney Jerome is a bull-dog; better go way back and shut up.

The Rev. Mr. Dyer, of Philadelphia, preached a good sermon Friday evening in St. Paul's P. E. church.

Washington rich? Cert, rich in the praises of his countrymen; owned a whole county in Virginia, from the Potomac to the Rappahannock.

The Lenten Missionary Mite Boxes have been distributed to the scholars of Saint Paul's Sunday school, to be returned on Easter Sunday. The money collected will be divided between the St. Paul's Sunday school and the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. A friend of the Sunday school has promised to add one third of the sum collected in these boxes to the amount to be sent to the Missionary Society of the church.

At St. Paul's church on Friday evening, March 1, the 7.45 evening service will be addressed either by the Rev. Mr. Ballentine of St. James', Evansburg, or the Rev. Mr. Finn, who is in charge of the Washington Valley Forge church. The vested choir of St. Paul's renders sweet music at all the services. Familiar hymns and good congregational worship. A cordial welcome always awaits you at St. Paul's. The Friday evening meetings are attended with the greatest interest. The vested choir of Saint Paul's render good music, praise and congratulations, to the choir. Nothing adds more to the worship of the Most High than music.

S. Howard Yocum and George Albright went to Wilkesbarre, Sunday, to attend the funeral of Mr. Yocum's uncle John Albright. Mr. Albright was seventy-seven years of age.

A Habit to be Encouraged.

The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of uneasiness and anxiety. Coughs, colds and croup, to which children are susceptible, are quickly cured by its use. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and if given as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains nothing injurious and mothers give it to little ones with a feeling of perfect security. Sold by J. W. Culbert, Collegeville, and M. T. Hunsicker, Rahm's Station.

SEVENTEEN DEAD IN FIRE

Teacher and Sixteen Children Perish in Burning School.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Principal Maxwell and 16 children perished in a fire which broke out in the Hochelaga school of the Protestant school commission. The school was located in a brick two-story building in the east end of the city and was attended by about 200 children.

The fire started from the furnace and was first noticed by workmen employed nearby. The teachers were notified, and the work of getting the children out of the building began. The kindergarten department was located on the second floor, and it was here that the loss of life occurred. The children were started out, but on reaching the landing found the lower hall full of smoke. Into this they refused to descend, though the way at this time was quite safe. Huddled together on the stairway at first, they retreated to the rooms from which they had come. When the firemen arrived an extension ladder was placed in position and a large number of children were rescued in this way.

Assisting in the work was Miss Maxwell. The fire by this time was making its way upwards, and the smoke was growing so dense that even the experienced firemen could not stand it. Captain Carson endeavored to get Miss Maxwell to go down the ladder, but she refused, and evading the attempt to detain her, rushed back into the back part of the building in search of others of the little ones. When the firemen were finally able to make their way to the back portion of the building, she was found lying on the floor, with a little one beside her. All those who perished died from asphyxiation.

BIG BLAZE AT MILLVILLE, N. J.

Livery Stable and Nine Business Houses Burned—Loss, \$60,000.

Millville, N. J., Feb. 25.—A fire that started in the livery stable of Jerry Clark burned out nine business places and caused a loss estimated at \$60,000. The fire is supposed to have been started by the dropping of a match into a lot of corn husks in the stable. Before the flames were under control the jewelry store of S. P. Murphy, the machine shop and garage of Wilmer Batten, dry goods store of Mrs. S. Van Staden, shoe store of Philip Arnoff, central office of the Bell Telephone company, Colonial Insurance company's office, storage warehouse of Albert Dunham and the court of Justice of the Peace J. P. Miller were destroyed.

Nine horses were burned to death in the Clark stables and two in Dunham's warehouse. While fighting the flames half a dozen civilians and firemen were injured, several of them quite severely.

BOARD OF HEALTH DISMISSED

Failed to Take Steps to Check Typhoid Epidemic at Kittanning, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 27.—At a special meeting of the Kittanning, Pa., borough council the seat of every member of the board of health was declared vacant because of its failure to adopt effective measures to stop the spread of typhoid fever, which has been epidemic for months. In the last six months 100 cases of typhoid fever have been reported and eight deaths have resulted from the disease. Engineer Withers, of the state department of health, is here in charge of the local water works. The filter, which is blamed for the pollution of the water, is being repaired under his direction.

After discharging the board of health three members were immediately re-elected and others will be chosen later. Plans were discussed for checking the epidemic.

Fischer Piano Company Fails.

Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—The Charles H. Fischer company, piano dealers in this city for 54 years, has failed. According to J. V. Steger, of the Chicago firm of Steger & Sons, the largest creditors, the liabilities of the Fischer company amount to \$110,000. An attempt to carry on a large business with a limited capital and the slowness of purchasers of instruments in paying installments are principally responsible for the failure. The company has on hand about 400 pianos, valued at about \$40,000, which will be immediately disposed of.

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Estate of Susanah Force, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims to present the same without delay to

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PUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property!

Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1907, on my farm in Lower Providence township, near Ridge Pike, personal property consisting of 3 good work and driving horses, 15 cows—some fresh, a few springers, and others fat; two farm wagons, one with good hay bed; 4-wheeled cart in good condition, new roller, new horse rake, mowing machine, corn cultivator, Syracuse plows, springtooth harrow, feed cutter, cornsheller, 3-spring market wagon, milk wagon, harness in variety, and everything that you can find on a well stocked farm. Also three geese, lot of milk cans, and milk cooler. Everything will be sold, as I intend to rent the farm. Sale at 1 o'clock. Conditions by

JAMES G. DETWILER.

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Will be sold at public sale on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1907, on the premises known as the Shrawder farm, one mile southwest from Eagleville, Lower Providence township, Montgomery Co., 1 by side; 6 ducks, 50 pigeons, Jarrettown hay wagon, farm and market wagons, plows, wheel and springtooth cultivators, mower, reaper and blower, Heebner power and thrasher, Dick's fodder cutter, corn drill, 2 tons rye straw, 1000 bundles fodder, 7 acres grain, 5 sets harness, lines, collars, rope and pulleys, and other farming implements; parlor stove, etc. See posters. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock, noon. Conditions, cash.

J. R. YOST, Agent for Calvin Burley.

L. H. Ingram, auct.

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Lapp's Celebrated Harness!

Will be sold at public sale on SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1907, at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel, 5 sets of imitation rubber harness, 5 sets of nickel harness, 5 sets of genuine rubber harness, 3 sets of nickel express harness, 3 sets of dray harness, 6 sets of lead harness, 6 sets of breaching harness, single and double lines, web and leather halters, hitching and hame straps, heavy and light shaft tugs, long straps, neck ropes, collar and saddle pads, whips, curry combs, brushes, team and light blindhalses, bridles, etc. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p. m. Conditions by

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Jerry's Find.

By A. M. DAVIES OGDEN.

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The morning, brilliantly clear, was frosty and cold. Big Jerry Callahan, blowing the tips of his fingers, red from holding the reins of the patient horse that pulled the half empty milk wagon, and contemplating the thought of arguments with angry cooks over the short allowance of milk that the weather imposed, felt his spirits sinking even lower than the mercury. And adding to his depression was the recollection of Kathleen—black eyed, pretty Kathleen—who had chosen to attend the annual ball of the Shamrock society with fat Tim Donnelly. Brass buttons have always attracted the feminine eye, and Tim as he strutted along in his snug fitting blue uniform, twisting his billy, was a fine figure of a man. Callahan admitted that, albeit grudgingly. Yet, despite his good looks there was a something about the policeman which Jerry vaguely distrusted. And Norah had gone to the ball with him.

Turning back to his wagon after a heated discussion during the course of



IT WAS UPON THIS SCENE THAT A SMART LOOKING MAID BURST.

which an irate maid had accused him of filling her bottles from the loose milk can, a subdued whimper caught his attention. On the curb, her white fur edged coat sadly dirty, her chubby face stained with tears, stood a baby, a tiny girl baby of about three years, lost clearly and sobbing softly to herself.

Jerry scratched a puzzled ear. He could hardly leave her there alone. She was too small and helpless for that. Besides, the mite was shivering with fright and cold. Yet his duty was to deliver his milk. And no amount of careful inquiry could elicit more than the fact that her name was Muriel and that she lived on Fifth avenue.

After a moment's consideration he swung her to the seat, wrapping her well in an old blanket. The tot, reassured and happy, cuddled more closely under the friendly shelter and looked up with a trustful smile.

"Muriel's hungry," she announced. When a second bottle of milk had followed the first, affairs began to look grave. Already short on his orders, the loss of two more bottles might involve him in serious trouble. But to fail those confiding blue eyes! Jerry shook his head as he whipped up the old white horse. The baby should not suffer. And he found himself watching the child with a perplexed frown. There was something oddly familiar about the little face, the rippling golden curls.

"Sure 'tis only that all babies do look alike, then," was his masculine conclusion. "They've all yellow hair and blue eyes."

Callahan's expectations were fulfilled. The last customers were very angry indeed when their full quota of milk was not forthcoming, and dire were the threats of complaint at headquarters.

"Sure 'tis my job that I may be after losing," reflected Jerry, with a rueful smile at the placid young person beside him. "But it can't be helped now," a true Irish philosophy coming to his aid. "So here goes for the station house."

In the precinct room the inspector looked up keenly as the Irishman came in, carrying a tired, sleepy bundle. Lost children were common enough, but today excitement had run wild and high.

"I found her this morning early," explained Jerry. "I met her on me round."

"White dress, white coat, pink shoes and stockings," itemized the sergeant rapidly. "It's she, all right. Why couldn't you have turned her in before?" wheeled angrily upon the startled Callahan. "Don't you know there's been the devil to pay about this?"

"Don't I know there's the devil to pay for the three bottles of milk she's drunk on me?" retorted Callahan. "How about that? It's a pity I hadn't left her to be run over by a team or an automobile. I'd have been thanked then, I suppose," with fine sarcasm.

"No talk, please," rapped out the sergeant curtly. "Send Donnelly here as soon as he comes in," he added on the telephone. "You wait," to Callahan.

It was a very excited Donnelly that

half an hour later rushed into the room, a Donnelly who swore fluently and fast. Detailed specially on the case, for hours he had been scouring the streets in search of a child with white dress, white coat and pink stockings.

"And you to have had her all this time!" was his exasperated ejaculation. "I'm not sure but it'll be abduction that's charged against you. To keep me busy this way!"

"'Twas hard, I admit," agreed Jerry blandly. "It must be an unusual feeling. And whose child is it, then, that you're so keen about it?" curiously.

Tim Donnelly's face changed as though he had suddenly remembered something. With an elaborate appearance of unconcern he leaned forward to take the child from where she still nestled in Jerry's strong arms.

"Oh, sure that could make no difference to you," he said. "I'll not be keeping you any longer. Good morning, Mr. Callahan."

"Good morning," responded Jerry. He had no desire to stop longer. But the baby, now broad awake once more, thought differently. She wanted her nice man; she must have her nice man. And, held by Donnelly, her disapproval found vent in no gentle manner. In vain the sergeant, the matron, sought to interfere. In vain Donnelly strove to soothe, to propitiate, while Jerry stood shifting from foot to foot. Her nice man she wanted; her nice man she would have.

It was upon this scene that a trim, smart looking nursemaid distractedly burst.

"Muriel! Oh, Muriel!" she cried, snatching the baby from Donnelly's arms. "Muriel, dear, are you cold, are you cold, are you hungry? Muriel, Muriel," in deepest reproach, "why did you run away from poor Kathleen?"

Jerry, taking in the situation, uttered a smothered gasp. So this was old Stockton's orphan grandchild, the little heiress to his millions and Kathleen's charge. No wonder Donnelly had been so anxious to get him away.

"She ran downstairs from me this morning," explained the tearful Kathleen, "and she must have slipped under under cook's very nose. Sure she might have been killed or hurt. Oh, Mr. Donnelly, how can I ever thank you enough for finding her!" with fervent gratitude.

"'Twas nothing," murmured the complacent Donnelly, "nothing at all." Callahan turned away. Let Donnelly take the credit if he chose. It was all over between himself and Kathleen, anyway. What was the use of saying anything?

But the baby, perceiving his retreat, set up her wail.

"My nice man, my nice man," she stormed again. Jerry, reluctantly avoiding Kathleen's astonished eyes, stood twisting his hat.

"Sure, as Mr. Donnelly says, 'twas nothing," he stammered. "I—I met her on my rounds this morning!"

"An' he w'apped me up an' took me to dwine an' dave me milk," put in the baby girl triumphantly. "He's my nice man, an' I love him. Kiss him, Kathleen."

"You—you found her?" cried the crimsoning Kathleen. "Why—but I thought—I understood," turning swiftly upon the discomfited Donnelly.

"Didn't you say?"

"I said she was here," muttered the mortified policeman. "I—I telephoned she was found," his flush deepening under Kathleen's eyes.

"Oh," said Kathleen slowly. "Oh," a significant "oh," long and full of meaning, "I see. And it was very kind of you to send word, Mr. Donnelly. I thank you, Jerry." She moved closer to him, while a mute plea for pardon shone in the soft black eyes.

"Sure 'twas mistaken I've been, Jerry." The note of appeal in the wistful voice gave a far wider meaning to the simple words than their sense implied. "Won't you take us home? I'm sure Mr. Stockton will be wanting to see you." (Timidly.)

"I go with you, Kathleen, anywhere," was the loyal response.

The sergeant smiled.

"'Tis easy enough to see how it is with them," he commented, turning back to his work. "Well, I hope old Stockton will do something handsome for them."

And after a good scolding to Kathleen old Stockton did.

Douglas Jerrold.

With his father managing two theaters and his mother and two sisters "treading the boards," it is scarcely surprising to learn that Jerrold commenced life as an actor. But the nimble, crackling, original wit for which Jerrold became so famous soon began to assert itself. At fifteen years of age he was contributing sonnets, epigrams and songs to the magazines, while ere he was twenty he had written numerous pieces for the stage. His dramas, both comic and serious, were characterized by a brilliancy which took the town by storm, while as a prose writer he proved himself of a particularly brilliant and original type.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Pretty Weak.

A divinity student had taken the place temporarily of Boston's famous "sailor preacher." Father Taylor. After the sermon as they descended the pulpit stairs the student asked, "Father Taylor, what did you think of my sermon this morning?" Approaching him in a fatherly way and placing his hand on the student's shoulder, he replied, "My dear brother, if your text had had the smallbox, your sermon could not have caught it."—Christian Register.

The Return.

Braun.—Beside my daughter's dowry I advanced my son-in-law £2,000. Goob.—And did you get anything back? Braun.—Yes, my daughter.—London Telegraph.

Looked Cheap.

Mrs. Griggs.—So you managed to get to the bargain counter for me. Did you see anything real cheap there? Griggs.—Yes; I caught a glimpse of myself in a mirror.—Boston Transcript.

The Great Lottery.

Marks.—Taking a wife is something like eating mushrooms. Parks.—How so? Marks.—You've got to wait results before you can be absolutely sure you've taken the right kind.—Exchange.

AN OLD INDIAN STORY

The Legend of the Love Tragedy of Medicine Bluff.

FATE OF TWO KIOWA BRAVES.

The Proof of Daring and Test of Love Demanded by the Beautiful Maiden, Laughing Moonbeam—A Wild and Fearless Leap into Eternity.

In days gone by—so runs a legend old as the hills that gave it birth, sorrowful as the fate of the people about which it tells—there dwelt in the Wichita mountains an old Indian chief of the Kiowa tribe, renowned as a warrior, revered as a ruler.

With him in his wigwam of dressed buffalo hides, twenty all told, for he was a mighty chieftain, lived the young Laughing Moonbeam, his daughter, a maiden as renowned for beauty as was the illustrious warrior who gave her birth for prowess in battle.

Her smile was the guerdon, her hand the prize, for which all the young braves of her tribe as well as those of neighboring tribes strove in friendly bout and deadly battle. But Laughing Moonbeam had eyes but for two, and yet could not decide between her faithful lovers—tall Delos and brave Belo, both of royal stock, both well favored. Finally the perplexed princess of the plains put an end to perplexity and suspense by setting for her eager lovers a task.

This task was truly a proof of bravery and a test of love. Upon a certain day the young men were to mount their ponies and, riding at full tilt to the top of a high bluff, leap to the plains below, he who survived the terrible leap of many hundred feet to be given to the princess in marriage.

At this point a brief description of the bluff, which is itself a part of this quaint legend, will not come amiss. This particular peak of the Wichita mountains is known in redskin annals as Medicine bluff, from the fact that the mysterious medicine men were wont to meet upon its summit and there concoct their potent charms, making medicine and hatching evil midnight plots upon the haunted mountain top, for the bluff itself bore an unsavory reputation among the redskins. It is of an exceedingly peculiar formation, having the appearance of being cut cleanly in two from apex to base, the Kiowas believing that the missing half was spirited away in the night by the emissaries of the evil one.

The legend further states that upon the day set for the task, the day when half a score of foolish young braves were to ride to their death at the bidding of a mere squaw—so said the old men of the tribe contemptuously—the whole tribe, with many from the neighboring tribes, gathered at the foot of Medicine bluff to await the outcome.

"They come! See, Belo, the brave, leads!" cried an old medicine man, pointing across the prairies. Proudly the young braves came on, the morning sunlight flashing back from their glittering, snow white robes of dressed deerskin adorned with myriads of brilliantly colored glass beads, elk teeth and sweeping deerskin fringe. Eagle plumes topped all this barbaric splendor, trailing out far behind in the brisk prairie breeze.

A sigh of mingled admiration and sorrow went up from the multitude as the young braves, the flower of the tribe, began to mount the menacing bluff. Swiftly the sturdy little ponies took the trail upward, the watchers below waiting spellbound for the crucial moment. The princess, Laughing Moonbeam, standing beside the tall old warrior chieftain, looked calmly, proudly upward, her glance resting but a moment upon the cheering crowd.

"See, only Belo and Delos have reached the top!" some one shouted excitedly. Too true, the other youths, faint hearted, perhaps, or their reason returning in the face of such a foolhardy casting away of human and brute life, were slowly coming down the rugged mountain trail, leaving the two determined suitors poised on the brink of the bluff.

A moment horses and riders stood outlined against the vivid blue like two great uncouth birds poised for flight. The shuddering multitude below turned away sickened, and women shrieked as the brave little ponies took the leap. Horses and riders turned in the air, then crashed with mighty shock upon the cruel stones at the foot of the bluff, a sight that made strong men weep and curse and cry aloud at the pity of it all. The senseless form of Laughing Moonbeam—husbandless for all time, for the happy hunting grounds claimed the spirits of her dead lovers—was borne from the scene in the arms of the weeping old warrior chief. The squaws, with bared breasts, gathered about the dead bodies and commenced to wail the death dirge of the Kiowas, slashing their naked breasts and arms the while with sharp hunting knives.

And today Medicine bluff towers serenely above the beautiful little creek of the same name that ripples along at its foot, forgetful of the sad scene once mirrored in its liquid breast—Los Angeles Times.

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Legends and Facts About the Still but Half Tamed Animal.

"There are few tales of cat fidelity and many of dog, yet one thinks no worse of the cat for this," says an observer. "His very independence compels respect. He walks by his wild lone, waving his wild tail, through the wild woods," as an inspired modern writer has set forth. All the generations have not served to tame him, and the most domestic of the race will revert sooner to a wild life at the call of the blood than any other friend of man. It is thus scarcely surprising to find that the most famous cat lovers have been drawn from the ranks of politicians and poets, those whom reasons of state or a sensitive temperament have rendered averse from trusting their fellow creatures and who consequently bestow all their affections upon the 'freside sphinx.' We are invited to believe that the most famous of all cats, he who brought fame and fortune to his master, Dick Whittington, was no four legged animal at all, but merely the French word 'achat'—to buy and sell at profit—and that the great merchant made a pet only of his merchandise from the very beginning. Thus in later years do the idols of our youth topple about our heads.

"But other legends—nay, facts—are left us. Cardinal Wolsey, for instance, when acting in his official capacity as lord chancellor is said to have had his favorite cat always seated beside him, and another prince of the church, Richelieu, found his only relaxation in keeping a number of kittens in his private cabinet and watching their gambols during his spare moments. We cannot really reckon Richelieu as a true lover of the race, however, for directly the kittens grew to three months he had them sent away and replaced by others. Lord Chesterfield left in his will life pensions to his favorite cats and their kittens. Victor Hugo's great cat Chanoine always sat on a large red ottoman in the center of his salon and received his guests in state, showing marked displeasure if any one failed to caress or praise her.

"Tasso wrote a sonnet to his favorite cat, and Petrarch had one he loved as dearly, we are told, as Laura. No doubt she was the confidant of many of his trials and consoled him for much of the fair lady's disdain, and when pussy died the poet had her embalmed in the Egyptian fashion and carried her mummy about with him everywhere. Baudelaire, the French poet, a very shy man, was always ill at ease in any new house he entered until the family cat was brought up and introduced to him, after which, with the cat on his knee, he was perfectly happy in his silent poet fashion.

"Traditions respecting cats are, of course, legion. From time immemorial they have been regarded as somewhat uncanny, omens of weal or woe, beings to be either conciliated or crushed. The cat worship of ancient Egypt and, later, the Roman creed that the cat was sacred to Diana speak of the one; the wild charges of witchcraft—or concern in it—rife during the dark ages of Europe will attest the latter. But there is another popular belief deserving also of mention, that which sets forth the old maid as the cat's only friend, a legend arising in the mediaeval nunneries overrun with mice, where one or more cats were always kept and were no doubt much petted by the good nuns."—Chicago News.

A Hard Burial.

Some few winters ago a gang of carriage washers was engaged washing carriages on one of our northern railways when one of them remarked to his mate, an old soldier who was famous as a long bowist, "It's awful cold this morning, David."

"Cold! This is nothing," said David.

"I remember when I was in Canada in 186— one of our mates died, poor chap. And you will have some idea what sort of frost it was when I tell you it froze the body so stiff and the ground so hard that we had to get hammer and chisel, make a nick in the ground and then drive him in with a pile driver. That was the only way we could give the poor chap decent burial."—London Answers.

Using the Eyes.

A scientific writer quotes Helmholtz as saying that in his work he could only liken himself to the mountaineer, painfully and slowly climbing, often obliged to turn backward, lighting later on new traces leading forward, and finally reaching the goal, only to find to his confusion that a plain road led thither, if he had only had the eyes to see. Darwin said he thought he was superior to the common run of men in noticing things which easily escape attention and in observing them carefully.

Cheap Generosity.

A great smoker handed his cigar case to his right hand neighbor. "Thank you, but I don't smoke," said the man.

He therefore handed it to the man on the left, who made the same reply, whereupon his wife nudged him and said, "Why don't you hand it to the captain?"

"No, thank you; he smokes."—Nos Loisirs.

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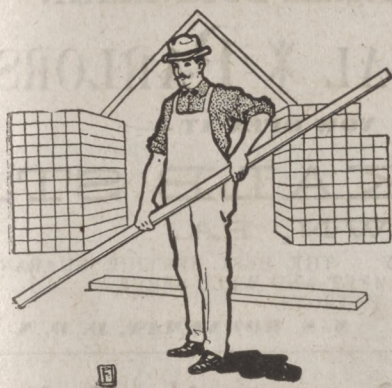
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One Old Maid

By LEE MITCHELL.

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During a certain period, lasting about three years, if any one had asked what was the chief feature of the village of Harpersville he would have been told it was gossip and scandal. It had come to such a point at last that hardly any two families were on speaking terms, and a number of people had sold out and moved away in disgust.

The social state of affairs could not have been much worse when the Rev. Henry Bates received a call to fill the pulpit of one of the two churches. He was a man of thirty and single, and he promised to be popular. It wasn't a month, however, before there were stories floating around to his detriment. He had come from the west, and it was said that his congregation had been pleased to get rid of him, and there were other sly statements and innuendoes calculated to make his position uncomfortable.

There is more or less gossip in every village in the land, but as to who starts it is always one of those things that can't be found out. Mrs. White hears it from Mrs. Black, and Mrs. Black from Mrs. Green, and Mrs. Green from Mrs. Brown, and so it goes, and the fountainhead is seldom located.

When the Rev. Bates came to find out what a hotbed he had got into he cut short his sermons to do a little outside work. When he came to delve into the situation he was more than astonished. There was just one single woman left in Harpersville who hadn't been talked about to her detriment, and she was an old maid named Sarah Lee. She was not only an old maid,



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but she was extremely homely, and the pastor hadn't been investigating long before he thought he had located the fountainhead. In another week he was sure of it.

The old maid was not a church member, but the pastor called on her just the same and threw out broad hints that the gossip and the scandalizer would have hard work to squeeze into the better land when the time came. Sarah agreed with him and two days later cooked up another canard.

She was in command of the situation up to a certain point. She was well to do, and she had wealthy relatives to stand by her. The minister saw that he must go slow and bide his time. There are clergymen who study the subject of religion alone. There are others who study human nature as well. The Rev. Bates was one of the latter.

"An old maid," he reasoned, "is a young woman who has been overlooked in the scramble or got left in the shuffle. This fact has soured her temper and made her envious and jealous. The only way she can get even is to use her tongue. She is down on all her sex and on the married men of the other. The tongue of one old maid can stir up more mischief than five ministers can smooth over."

When the pastor had reasoned that far he took a rest for a few minutes and then continued:

"What is the remedy for a tattling, gossiping, slandering old maid? Remove the cause and the disease is cured. In other words, if she can be married off the spirit of spite will be laid and she will have no reason to interfere with the peace of mind of others."

The line of reasoning was up to date, and the philosophy weighed full sixteen ounces to the pound. One may reason a thing to a logical conclusion, however, and yet find that only one difficulty has been removed. The Rev. Bates was pitted against Sarah Lee. It was Lee versus Bates. He realized that he would have to go to the end of a year or Sarah Lee would have to be provided with a husband. Not only was the instinct of self preservation appealed to, but if the question had been submitted to any lay mind the answer would have been that one minister was worth ten times as much to any community as an old maid. The Rev. Bates did not turn conspirator. It takes two to conspire, and he did not take any one into his counsel.

His very first move almost brought about his downfall. He made a second call on Miss Lee, and during that

call he brought the conversation around to the subject of matrimony. It was the duty of men and women to marry. The world would be a savage desert without homes. Race suicide would end in a state of barbarism. For good reasons of her own, he supposed, she had neglected this great duty, but he hoped and trusted that those reasons would soon be removed. He himself was still single, but he was happy to state—

Before he could make his statement the old maid was in his arms, or would have been if he had not quickly increased the distance between them. She made it pretty plain that she was willing to be his'n and would do her best to make life happy for him. When he closed the conversation by saying that he was engaged to a lady in the west he was almost turned out of doors, and Miss Lee started three or four new stories about him.

The pastor felt sure that he had struck the keynote, however, and a week or two later he was writing a letter to an acquaintance in his former parish. The man he wrote to was not a church member. He was an old bachelor who paid pew rent, contributed to the heathen, attended Sunday school picnics and let it go at that. The pastor had once talked with him on the subject of matrimony and had been given to understand that there had been no marriage because the right woman had not been found.

"Referring to a subject once discussed between us," wrote the Rev. Bates, "let me say that there is a young woman resident here who seems to have many of the qualifications to fit her for wifehood—that is, she has the best of health, is worth several thousand dollars, and she has assured me that she would do her best to make a husband happy. Were you to pay me a visit and meet her she might prove to be the one you long have sought. Did you not know my radical ideas on the subject of race suicide I should not have mentioned this matter to you. While I mentioned that the lady had money, it was only incidentally, and that fact will have no undue influence, I trust."

Ten days later James Perkins appeared in Harpersville as an old acquaintance and the guest of the clergyman. The Rev. Bates did not boast of being a hustler, but within twenty-four hours he had introduced his guest to Miss Lee. Mr. Perkins had no reputation as a hustler, but within forty-eight hours he was speaking words of flattery that made the old maid smile like a June day. She couldn't forego what she had come to believe was her privilege, however. She told Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson told Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor told Mrs. Beebe and the rest of the town that she believed Mr. Perkins had had two wives and killed them both by smothering them with a pillow. The story reached the parsonage and the ears of the guest within a day, and the guest was wroth, but the good pastor sat down with him and argued.

"James, the gossip of women is as the breeze that bloweth. Give it no heed. I incidentally learned today that the exact amount of wealth possessed by Miss Lee is about \$12,000, and all in bonds drawing fair interest. I am also assured that she is a great worker in her own house, has no extravagant habits and that she would have no objection to a home in the great and boundless west. Perhaps I should not have mentioned the exact sum of money, but I know you will receive it as only incidental, James—only incidental. If there is a marriage I hope and trust it may be founded on love alone. I shall be busy with my sermon tonight, and should you desire to call on Miss Lee I shall not miss you for a couple of hours."

There was no hustling on the part of the Rev. Bates or James Perkins, but two weeks after his arrival in Harpersville Mr. Perkins entered the minister's study one evening with a bland smile and an extended hand and said:

"My dear old friend, congratulate me. I am the happiest man in the state."

"Has—has something happened?"

"Something has. Sarah has promised to be mine, and she has set the marriage day for only six weeks ahead. How can I ever thank you for bringing us together?"

Something like a smile appeared at the corners of the pastor's mouth; but, of course, he let it spread no further. When he found that the happy couple were to go west to live he tendered his hearty congratulations and likewise offered up his thanks mentally. The marriage came off, the old maid became a wife, and Harpersville knew her no more. Then the calm that settled down was indeed blessed—no more gossip, no slander, no lying; in place of them, peace, harmony and contentment. And if the conscience of the Rev. Bates ever pricked him he had but to say to himself:

"Isn't it better to marry off one old maid than to have a thousand people made unhappy?"

The Volley Over the Grave.

The firing of a volley by soldiers over the grave of a dead comrade is a survival of a very ancient custom. In days gone by, when superstition was practically universal, it was generally believed that making a noise kept away evil spirits, and the passing bell came into vogue for that reason. When firearms were invented volley firing was substituted for the passing bell, the belief being that the sound of battle would be more efficacious in the case of a soldier.

Her Dear Friend.

Miss Knick—Ethel is to be married next month, and she says Walter wants to board, as he thinks she needs a rest. Miss Knick—She does need a rest, considering the way she ran after him, but I didn't know he knew it. Woman's Home Companion.

GRANT AND PETERSBURG.

Where the Confederate Forces Lost a Great Opportunity.

Grant determined to cross the James at Wilcox's Landing, ten miles below City Point and entirely out of Lee's observation, and to move thence directly upon Petersburg with his whole army. He would thus pass in rear of Butler and attack the extreme right flank of the Confederate line, which it was certain would now be held by only a small force. It involved the performance of a feat in transportation which had never been equaled and might well be considered impossible without days of delay.

It was all accomplished without mishap and in such an incredibly short time that Lee refused for three days to believe it. During these three days, June 15, 16 and 17, Grant's whole army was arriving at and attacking Petersburg, which was defended at first only by Beauregard with about 2,500 men. Lee, with Longstreet's and Hill's corps, for the same three days lay idle in the woods on the north side, only replacing some of Beauregard's troops taken to Petersburg from in front of Butler.

But for this Longstreet's corps might have manned the intrenchments of Petersburg when Grant's troops first appeared before them, and it is not too much to claim that his defeat would have been not less bloody and disastrous than was the one at Cold Harbor, for, while the intrenchments at Cold Harbor were the poorest and slightest in which we ever fought, the Petersburg lines had been built a year before and were of the best character, with some guns of position mounted and all the forest in front cleared away to give range to the artillery.

This, then, was really the nearest approach to "a crisis" which occurred during the war. Instead of "success elsewhere," Grant here escaped a second defeat more bloody and more overwhelming than any preceding. Thus the last and perhaps the best chances of Confederate success were not lost in the repulse of Gettysburg nor in any combat of arms. They were lost during three days of lying in camp, believing that Grant was hemmed in by the broad part of the James below City Point and had nowhere to go but to come and attack us. The entire credit for the strategy belongs, I believe, to Grant, though possibly it may be shared by his chief of staff, Humphreys, whose modest narrative makes no reference to the subject.—General E. P. Alexander in Scribner's.

An Age of Machinery.

In the making of most of our household goods machinery has done away with the craftsman. True it is that some master mind plans the design in the first pattern that becomes the father of thousands, but if these things had been made by human hands we should have had not one but a thousand masters of their trade instead of one artist only and an army of workmen doing some monotonous routine job for their daily bread. The whole system is a premium on dullness and mediocrity. It may be argued that this machinery more or less makes for cheapness, and on that account a man can become possessed of more goods than he would have had without it, but a man's life hardly consists in the abundance of things that he hath, and it is also quite on the cards that a few good possessions are worth a whole host of bad. When we come to think that in the making of almost everything we wear, almost everything in the house upon which we step, sit or lie, machinery has had a hand to the ousting of some craftsman, the enormity of our wickedness becomes clear.—Reginald Newton Weekes in Nineteenth Century.

Noise and the Nerves.

It was Schopenhauer who said that insensibility to noise was the surest indication of a low and undeveloped nervous organization, on which assumption it is certain that we as a nation can hardly be reckoned very far advanced. Certain it is that we are more tolerant under this head than any other nation professing to call itself civilized, though I fancy the Americans run us pretty close in this respect. Sir Arthur Sullivan was wont to compose in the middle of the night because he could never obtain quiet at any other time, and without expecting the impossible or looking for legislation on a subject which is merely of concern to the community at large, irrespective of party issues, surely it is not too much to ask that the local authorities shall put their heads together on this matter and exercise the powers which they possess. Bernard Shaw once expressed the opinion that it was the "state aided noises," as he called them, which were the worst offenders—as, for example, the church bells and the military bands.—London Truth.

A Real Conversationist.

The Dawsons fully realized that their Uncle Eli Nabb was fond of good talk and good talkers, and during his stay they tried to make his visit enjoyable by asking in such of their friends as they regarded as most likely to entertain the old gentleman.

"He's a wonderful conversationist, isn't he, Uncle Eli?" asked Mrs. Dawson after the departure of their star dinner guest on the last night of Mr. Nabb's stay. "Such an extraordinary command of language and such a range of topics!"

"Pretty fair talker," said Mr. Nabb, hopelessly unimpressed. "But we've got one to beat him up home, you know. Oh, yes; old Lady Greenwood! Why, I've stood at her gate less'n ten minutes an' had her go from my thumb bed to the doin's up Panama canal way, an' so easy you couldn't notice any abrupt change o' subject either. That's what I call a conversationist."

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THE stay-at-home vote in Philadelphia, at the recent election, aggregated 39,436. What a noble band of patriots!

THE people need fewer extortionate taxes—due to governmental paternalism—on the necessities of life, much more than they need the government ownership of railroads, coal mines, and so forth.

MARY ELIZABETH LEASE must have much experience, ranging over thousands of years. She avers that men have not improved any since the days of Adam. There appears to be some room for Mary to be mistaken.

FROM the Louisville Herald: "A South Carolina editor, surprised to hear that the Legislature of that State contained very few married men, looked the two houses over and concluded that the girls did the right thing."

If the Record, Press, et. al., of Philadelphia, are not entirely topsy-turvy as to their opinions, contentions, condemnations, and exhortations, it would appear that even more election laws are an absolute necessity, if Philadelphia is to be redeemed and purified.

DIRECTOR OF THE POOR, James K. Thomson, is a candidate for another term in the office which he has conscientiously and capably filled for several years past. His Republican brethren will no doubt accord him a renomination at the primary election, beginning of June.

THE arguments submitted by U. S. Senator Knox, from this State, in relation to the Smoot case, were sustained by the vote of 43 to 27 that was cast by the United States Senators on Wednesday of last week in favor of the Utah Senator retaining his seat.

THE editor of the Montreal Star seems to know what he is talking about: "If lovely woman, who has no pockets, will stop to think that the average man has at least sixteen, she may understand better why her letters intrusted to him occasionally don't get mailed."

If our friend Haginbotham, of Upper Providence, is really in dead earnest in his aspirations to secure the Republican nomination for County Treasurer, he will add his full quota to the considerations of especial interest that will surround the Republican primary election period. Of course, his qualifications are ample. And, in addition, William is broad-shouldered and a hard hitter. More music.

MR. REYBURN, the incoming Mayor of Philadelphia, will be afforded a signal opportunity to redeem his pre-election pledges, and to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the general public that a successful candidate, acceptable to the so-called "gang," may have in his make-up the qualities of manhood essential to the honest and efficient administration of the duties of a high office. It all depends upon the stuff that's in the man.

It is entirely natural that the interests of the Lower End Republican Club should be close to the heart of our good co-laborer in the newspaper realm, editor Clayton of the Jenkintown Times-Chronicle. The organization of the Club was due in large part to his enterprising efforts, and his disposition is to keep a watchful, fatherly eye upon its movements, and to repel the invasion of any influence of an unfriendly or antagonistic character. The editor of the INDEPENDENT must applaud editor Clayton for his fealty to the political organization of his own creation, in part. And the brother will kindly note that no chips are shouldered in this quarter to serve as targets for the members of the Club to practice upon, and that the success of his aggregation of kindred spirits, in their goings and comings, and entirely permissible connivings, will depend upon not undertaking to do too much in the tender days of youth.

THE corrupt practices law, requiring candidates for public office to file statements of their campaign expenditures, has been construed to apply to candidates for local offices and the recent applicants for public honors, victorious or defeated, are required to file their expense accounts with the Clerk of Courts at Norristown, at an expense of 70 cents each. The traveling expenses in addition, add another discomfiting phase to a ludicrous, ridiculous, and discouraging situation. It is easily foreseen that candidates for local offices will grow scarcer every year under existing law.

FROM the New York World: In the two great empires of China and Russia a greater number of persons are facing starvation than ever faced that fate in the past, so far as authentic history bears testimony. In Russia, according to Alexis Aladyin, thirty millions are confronted by crop failure and have no seed grain. "In March, April and May," he says, "it is probable that a million people will die." In China ten million people confront famine. The recent famine in India presented no such possibility of horror as this. Relief was prompter and better organized than it can be in either Russia or China. The Thirty Years' War reduced Germany to bitterest poverty, but no such appalling total of millions actually starved in any year because of slaughtered cattle and wasted fields. The great famine in Ireland reduced its population in three years by 1,500,000, but most of these were emigrants; not more than 300,000 fell victims of hunger, though even this record is so black that two generations of Britons have blushed for it. Both the Russian and the Chinese Governments are awake to the danger, but both are financially crippled, and in both nations there is that strain of Oriental fatalism which bars private relief. It is a sad comment upon civilization that Russia should be bankrupt, when her citizens are starving because of war expenditures.

JUST the other day the remains of a goodly man—the Rev. William S. Anders—were hidden from view in a rural cemetery. The work of a useful life had reached its finality, the heart that had throbbed for more than half a century in unison with the nobler conceptions and purposes of human existence, had ceased its rhythmic movements. He was a good man before he became a preacher. Enlarged opportunities increased the sphere of his influence for the betterment of others, and the keynote that expressed the chief desire of his being always denoted the importance of right living. Those who came under his ministrations will attest that he devoted more attention to guiding others along paths of rectitude with relation to the essential affairs of this life, than in expounding a creed, or in splitting theological hairs with relation to mooted questions. He had more time for practical advice, helpfulness and encouragement for those who halted in well-doing, or grew weary plodding along the wayside of life, than for doctrinal disputations, or vindictive, bigoted anathemas for those who could not see their way clear to believe as he believed. The upbuilding influence of his efforts that helped to mould the character of those who listened to his pleadings and admonitions represented the synthetic or constructive force, in contradistinction to the analytical or destructive agency, involved in the activities of the human race, as well as in all animate existences. * * * In the presence of death sane men forget, for the time being at least, the differences of opinion and belief current among the living, for death deals in no distinctions—the rich and poor, the haughty and the humble are alike impotent in staying the unerring sweep and aim of its power. By the newly made grave all can unite upon a common basis and pay tribute to the good deeds that crowned the completed life efforts of those who have forever quit the successful struggle for higher and better things, or cover the mantle of charity over the record of those who faltered and to a considerable extent failed; all can strengthen the bonds of human sympathy and take with them to their homes a keener recognition of those influences which have most to do in making this earth a brighter, better, and happier dwelling place, and a more concrete appreciation of the continuing force of the moral teachings and precepts that shone out—as beacon lights along the shores of eternity—from the lives of those who no longer share the joys and sorrows of the living.

STEVENS RESIGNS AS CANAL CHIEF

Army Officers to Have Charge of Panama Ditch.

CONTRACT PLAN ABANDONED

Washington, Feb. 27.—By an order addressed to the Isthmian canal commission President Roosevelt, as far as lay in his power, under existing law, transferred to the engineer branch of the army the responsibility for the further construction of the Panama canal. He also, in the same order, which took the form of a letter addressed to the chairman of the commission, Mr. Shonts, himself about to retire from all connection with the enterprise, formally recorded the abandonment, for the present at least, of the project of having the canal work done by contract on the percentage system. Another feature of the order was the announcement of the resignation of John F. Stevens as engineer in charge of the canal construction. Mr. Shonts is in New York, where he will preside at a meeting of the directors of the Panama Railway company, of which he is president, and will, it is expected, formally resign that office.

The intention of the president is that there shall be an entire re-organization of the commission, with three army officers of the engineer corps its leading members, who are to have charge of the engineering features of the canal work. The chairman and engineer-in-chief of the commission will be Major G. W. Goethals, and his associates will be Major Du B. Gallard and Major William L. Sibert, to rank in the order named. These three officers are all comparatively young, ambitious and energetic members of the corps. The reorganization is to become effective immediately upon the confirmation and retirement of the old commission. Senator Joseph C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky, who retires from the United States senate on the 4th of March, is to be made a member of the reorganized commission.

The president is unaware of the specific reasons which have been influential in prompting Mr. Stevens' resignation. It has been known, however, that Mr. Stevens has been stung very much by criticisms aimed at him in connection with canal work, and he has been disposed to complain some what about them. Some of this criticism came out during hearings before committees of congress. The salary question also is understood to have had an important bearing on his retirement. It is understood that Mr. Stevens is leaving the government service to accept a position in connection with a great engineering enterprise in this country at an annual salary more than double that he now receives from the government.

\$173,000 MISSING AT U.S. TREASURY
Strange Disappearance of Big Sum at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—One of the largest, if not the largest, thefts from the United States treasury has been unearthed in Chicago. Somewhere between \$170,000 and \$175,000 was stolen from the local sub-treasury last week. The money has disappeared as completely as if it had vanished from the face of the earth.

When interviewed in regard to the robbery, Sub-Treasurer Boldenweck admitted that a theft of \$173,000 had been perpetrated, but refused to go into details.

Mr. Boldenweck declared later that it had been definitely determined just where the shortage occurred, but he declined to say where it had been traced. He declared himself positive however, that the money had never reached the vaults. He said that the only reason for believing that the stolen money had been in bills of large denomination was that it would have been impossible for anybody to take \$173,000 from the office in small bills and escaped detection, but that a package of \$173,000 in \$1000 bills could have been carried about the person easily without exciting suspicion.

Every man who could have had anything to do with the case was called into Treasurer Boldenweck's office and put through an exhaustive examination and a still more rigid cross-examination.

Violated Immigration Law.
Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 27.—Before Judge Boyd, in the United States circuit court here, the case of the government against Charlotte mill men was called for trial, and five witnesses were examined. The government seeks to recover \$71,000 in penalties for alleged violations of law by the defendants in bringing into the United States "certain aliens under promise, offers and solicitations," to labor in the cotton mills in and around Charlotte. The case now on trial is one in which 20 penalties are asked for and will be a test case. In addition to this a criminal indictment for conspiracy has been found against the defendants.

Schoolboy Driven to Suicide.
Chicago, Feb. 26.—Afraid to tell his parents he had been reprimanded by his teacher and laughed at by his companions because of his inability to master the English language, Paul Perek, 14 years of age, committed suicide by shooting himself in the heart with a revolver. In his pockets were found two notes, one of which told of the cause for the boy's act.

Insane Woman Hanged Herself.
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Ellen Borden, an inmate of the State Hospital for the Insane, committed suicide at that institution by hanging herself.

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great confusion and alarm. The victim was William Evans, aged 35 years, single, timberman, hurled 50 feet away into an empty car, found with neck broken and dead. The injured are: Moses Griffith, Thomas F. Evans, Anthony Warnowski, laborers; Victor Rolkovitz, Stanley Rolkovitz, brothers; Simon Coshans and Wardie Dolopitz, timbermen.

The most of the men were burned on face and hands, and some are not expected to recover.

RAISE FOR STATION AGENTS

Pennsylvania Railroad Increases Salary of 16,000 Employees.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad authorized an adjustment in the wages of station agents and station forces on its lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie. By the change it is officially announced that increases ordered in the salaries of station forces amounts to \$37,221 monthly, or \$446,736 annually. This represents an increase of 6.3 per cent over the total present salaries of all station agents and forces, numbering 10,994, and an increase of 13.5 per cent over the total salaries of 5471 employees whose wages will be directly affected by the adjustment.

DIED IN CHURCH

James R. McClure Was Stricken While Attending Services.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—James R. McClure, constructing railroad engineer and secretary and treasurer of many of the subsidiary companies of the Pennsylvania railroad, was stricken and died while attending services in the Walnut Street Presbyterian church here. Mr. McClure was 80 years old and one of the best known men in railroad circles in this city. He was a son of David McClure, the first professor of mathematics at the Annapolis Naval Academy. He began his business career with an engineering corps on the Pennsylvania railroad, and as an engineer constructed many miles of railroad and numerous shops.

CLAIM \$80,000,000 ESTATE

Descendants of Baron Springer Claim Wilmington, Del.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 26.—Asserting themselves to be descendants of Baron Springer, of Sweden, and heirs to an \$80,000,000 estate in Delaware including the site of the city of Wilmington, Mrs. Belle Jones and Mrs. W. C. Moore announced that they would at once send attorneys to Wilmington, Del., to investigate the case, with a view to obtaining their share of the estate.

Perished in Burning Home.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 26.—The home of Edmond Stout, a commissioner of the revenue for Lee county, which was located on a farm near Dryden, was totally destroyed by fire, and his daughter Hazel, 12 years old, perished in the flames. All the other members of the family, several in number, barely escaped with their lives, and Mrs. Stout is said to be dying as a result of the shock of the tragedy.

Gov. Carter's Daughter to Wed a Jap. Honolulu, Feb. 27.—Nothing that has happened for a long time in Hawaii has created the same widespread interest as Governor Carter's announcement in an interview that he had been willing that his daughter should marry a Japanese. It is the subject of discussion everywhere. The newspapers are bombarded with communications condemning it.

Mine Preserved Bodies.

A curious story illustrative of the preservative properties of carbonic acid gas, or "choke damp," comes from China. In the province of Nanhwei a party of miners opened an ancient shaft where, according to the official records, a terrible catastrophe had occurred 400 years ago. When the miners entered they came upon the bodies of 170 miners who had perished in the mine, lying where they had been overtaken by the deadly gas four centuries back. The corpses to the eye were as though of yesterday, quite fresh looking and not decayed in any way. The faces were like those of men who had just died. On an attempt being made to move them outside for burial they one and all crumbled away, leaving nothing but a pile of dust and the remnants of the stronger parts of their clothing.

Lalande and Neptune.

The astronomer Lalande narrowly escaped being made famous by a discovery. He accidentally struck Neptune with his glass on May 8, 1785, but supposed it was a star. He put it down in his notebook as a star and recorded its exact situation. Two days later he struck it once more and made a record of it. But when he looked over his notes he found he had it down as being in two different places, and as a star cannot move in forty-eight hours he supposed he had made a mistake in one of his notes. If he had used his mind a little less mechanically, he easily might have been a Columbus.

Postage Stamps.

It is often desired to separate postage stamps that are stuck together without destroying the gum. This can be done by dipping the stamps in water for a few seconds only, shaking off the excess of water and heating with a match as much as possible without burning. The heat expands the water between the stamps and separates them, so that they can be easily pulled apart and are ready for use.

Unaccountable.

Tourist (to boy fishing)—How many fish have you caught? Boy—Oh, I couldn't count 'em! Tourist—Why, you haven't caught any, you little vagabond! Boy—That's why I can't count 'em!

HAD MIRACULOUS ESCAPE IN WRECK

No One Killed When Pennsy Flyer Plunged Into River.

64 PASSENGERS WERE INJURED

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 25.—In one of the most remarkable and miraculous wrecks that has ever occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad, 64 passengers were more or less injured when the Pennsylvania special, the palatial 18-hour train between New York and Chicago was wrecked while rounding a sharp curve near South Fork, six miles from this city.

Of the injured passengers seven sustained serious hurts necessitating their removal to hospitals. They are Frederick A. Busse, postmaster of Chicago; John F. Kline, postmaster of Joliet, Ill.; Felix Isman, real estate broker, Philadelphia, and Samuel F. Nixon, Philadelphia, taken to the Altoona hospital. Thomas Bauer, Lafayette, Ind.; J. Wood Wilson, Marion, Ind.; and W. H. Baker, Chicago, are in the Allegheny General hospital at Pittsburgh.

All of the injured passengers except those mentioned above were sent to Pittsburgh on the first section of the St. Louis express. The train was running about 50 minutes late and was traveling over 50 miles an hour when it reached the curve. The accident was caused by a brake rigging dropping to the track on the first Pullman coach following the engine and combination smoking car. The great speed and weight of the train tore up the tracks and steel ties for a distance of 300 feet. The engine and smoking car remained on the rails, but the three Pullman coaches plunged from the track down over a 60-foot embankment, where they rolled over and over onto the thick ice covering the Conemaugh river.

The cars did not overturn going down the steep hill. There were no trees or obstructions in the way to hinder them and they remained upright until they reached the bottom. The first car overturned and slid along on its side for quite a distance. The second car did likewise. The third car turned over completely and had its top crushed in. The fourth car is on its side. Most of the passengers on the train were in their berths when the cars left the tracks.

The cars went through the heavy ice on the river, but there was so little water that there was no danger of drowning. The locomotive and combination car remained on the tracks.

SAY PENNSY MEN LOOTED

Three Employees Accused of Stealing From Wreck Victims.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 26.—Passenger Flagman C. E. Hoover, who gave the first news of the wreck of the Pennsylvania special Saturday morning, is under arrest, charged with larceny. Detective Charles A. Robinson alleges that Hoover had in his possession a lady's watch with diamond settings worth \$1500 and over a dozen small articles of fair value. He said he intended to turn the articles over to the high officials, and the police here are inclined to believe him. Two other railroaders, Vincent Sherlock, a freight brakeman, and Michael Burke, a railroad hand, were also arrested on a charge of looting the Pullmans. Both men were released on bail. Burke had two diamond pins worth \$1500 about him, while Sherlock had a fine overcoat.

PERKINS NOT GUILTY

Court of Appeals Decides He Did Not Commit Larceny.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 27.—By a divided court, voting four to three, the court of appeals sustained the judgment of the court below to the effect that George W. Perkins, as a vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, was not guilty of larceny in the use of funds of the company for contributions to the Republican campaign fund in 1904. The decision of the court sustains also the expressed opinion of District Attorney Jerome that whatever the moral and ethical aspects of Mr. Perkins' action, it was not criminal under any existing statutes.

The dissenting opinion holds that larceny consists in taking property belonging to some one else, even for a commendable purpose.

SHAW'S NEW POSITION

Secretary of Treasury Elected President of a New York Trust Co.

New York, Feb. 27.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, was elected president of the Carnegie Trust company, of this city, the election to take effect March 5.

Decapitated By a Train.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 27.—Daniel Dougherty, of Scranton, was decapitated at the McCall's Ferry power plant along the Susquehanna river. While shifting cars he was jarred from the train, and falling to the rails, the wheels passed over his neck. He was about 40 years of age.

Accused of Fleecing Tourists.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 27.—George Shets, chief of the Salt Lake police department, and George Raugh, chief of detectives, were arrested, charged with complicity in a conspiracy to fleece tourists and travelers passing through Salt Lake City.

Former Congressman Sowden Ill.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 25.—Former Congressman William H. Sowden is critically ill at his home in this city. He had another sinking spell, and his condition is serious.

WITH THE LEGISLATORS

Trolley Freight Bill Sent to Committee For Amendment.

OTHER MEASURES CONSIDERED

Opposition Looms Up Against Preventing Foreigners Owning Firearms. Bill to Increase Salaries of 400 Office Holders—Many Illegal Measures.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 25.—A great deal of interest is being displayed in the fate of the trolley freight bills that has been sent back to committee for amendment. Some think that it is never to see the light of day again and that its enemies are responsible for its recommitment. But this view is not generally accepted. Although it is the evident purpose of the railroad companies to keep all inimical railroad legislation in committees, both friends and enemies of the trolley freight bill were responsible for sending the measure back to the committee on electric railways for repairs.

A bill allowing trolley cars to carry freight will be passed just as certain as anything can be. The disposition of the legislators and the temper of the people will allow nothing else. But the law makers realize there is danger in giving trolley companies too much power, just as the railroads have had too much leeway in the past.

It is desired that trolley companies shall be regulated by the cities and boroughs through which they pass. Otherwise it might happen that freight handling, proving more profitable than passenger traffic, the latter would be discriminated against by the trolley companies, much to the disadvantage of the people.

There is one thing certain, and that is, the moment the bill allowing trolley companies the right to carry freight passes and is put upon the statute books there will be a great impetus to the trolley business. New companies will spring up all over the state, and this state is likely to be gridironed from one end to the other with trolley lines within the next few years. It consequently behooves the lawmakers to go slow in granting so important a privilege to trolley companies. The bill that came near passing in the house would allow freight of any and all kinds to be carried in the same cars with passengers, for there was no provision or restriction of any kind respecting the matter. It was a carelessly drawn bill, and had been very hurriedly considered in committee.

Unanimous Vote On 2-Cent Fare Bill.

The passage by unanimous vote in the house of the two-cent fare bill was administered as sort of a rebuke to President George F. Baer, of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, who intimated that members of the legislature had the right to violate their pledges if they wished to do so in voting upon the two-cent fare bill. Not a member of the lower house dared vote against the measure—not even Mr. Blaklee, Democrat, of Carbon, who made a speech against the measure. He declared that the bill is unconstitutional.

Well, whether the bill is unconstitutional or not, it went through the house, and will go through the senate unless it is found to be illegally drawn. Then some amendments will be made to it to make it legal. There is nothing in that can stop it from going through, not even George F. Baer, or any of his railroad associates.

Both the trolley freight and the two-cent fare bill were in the platform of the Republican party, and the Republicans have assumed the responsibility for putting both of these bills through. The senate is not under railroad domination. Even if a majority of the members should feel friendly toward the railroads, most of the members are ambitious politically, and any man knows that it would be political suicide for him to attempt to sidestep any of the great issues of the day.

"Square Deal" For Foreigners.

The bill prohibiting unnaturalized foreign-born citizens from possessing firearms, and making it unlawful for any one to sell firearms to them, is going to get a get bump before it goes through. D. F. Dempsey, of Lackawanna, threatens to make a fight against its passage. He says that the bill is not a "square deal" to the foreigners. He says that they are not all criminals, and that to prohibit them from possessing weapons of any kind is an infringement upon their personal rights. It allows officers to break into the dwelling of any foreigner who is suspected of carrying or owning firearms. After five days the officers may break in again on the same errand. Mr. Dempsey says that foreign-born women are often obliged to carry weapons for their own protection, and that it would be a hardship to them to be deprived of this privilege.

Mr. Esler, of Allegheny, has a bill providing for the education of all classes of foreigners. He wants to establish educational camps where the foreign-born may have an opportunity to learn the English language and the American way of doing things. The idea is to teach the foreigner something about our American government, in order that he may become a useful citizen.

People are wondering what Governor S. Stuart is going to do with the numerous measures carrying large appropriations of money when they reach

him. Some of these bills have merits, while a great many have not. Mr. Beidleman, of Dauphin, introduced a bill, adding \$200 a year to the salaries of all state employees receiving less than \$2000 a year. The proposed increase would affect more than 400 office holders. Those interested in the bill have been trying to get the governor to commit himself before it reaches him. Governor Stuart, however, has steadfastly refused to go on record regarding this or any other bill before it comes to him for his approval.

Against Boosting Salaries.

Governor Stuart is not very much in favor of boosting salaries or creating new positions. He would like to see the clerk who draws small wages get more money, for it is generally the underpaid clerk who does the most work. But the trouble is there are so many demands made for the state's money that it is hard to draw the line when it comes to remedying matters. The clerks who are back of the bill had Mr. Beidleman present it, because he is a resident of Harrisburg and knows how much work the men on capitol hill are required to do for their money.

The bill introduced in the senate by Mr. Wilbert, of Allegheny, empowering cities to tax the real and personal property of railroads, street railroads, telegraph, telephone, water, gas, electric light, heat and public utility companies is likely to be amended so as to include all boroughs and townships. It is contended that the boroughs and townships need the revenue to be derived from such taxation and are just as much entitled to it as are the cities. This is a very important bill and is likely to meet with the combined opposition of all corporations.

Local Option Advocates Busy.

Local option advocates have been busy at Harrisburg. They are working very hard to secure the passage of their bill. It is hard to predict what success the measure will have, but it is certain to cause many a headache before many days. The opponents of the bill are working just as hard to keep it within the committee. Petitions begging the legislature to pass the bill come pouring in, and there is no doubt that with many members they will have considerable effect. You can't always tell from what a member says just how he is going to vote, and should there be a stampede it is doubtful if anything could stop the passage of the measure.

There are at present many local option districts in Pennsylvania, likewise many prohibitory districts created by special acts of the legislature. These the new bill would not affect. The only way these special laws could be repealed would be to pass special repealing legislation.

Sentiment seems to be growing in favor of a constitutional convention. The bill introduced by Senator Lang-fitt providing for a vote to be taken on the question is regarded as a very fair one. By putting the question up to the people the election will cost nothing, as it is to be held on the regular election day. Then if the people decide that a constitutional convention is necessary the cost of the convention will be borne by the state and will not be excessive. In fact, it is believed that if it should be decided in convention to have but one election a year instead of two the state would save more in one year than the expense of the convention would be. Governor Stuart intimated very strongly that something should be done toward framing a new constitution for the state, and there is no doubt that he would sign the bill if it reaches him.

Want a Legislative Bureau.

A great lot of illegally drawn bills have been introduced in the legislature. Some of them may reach the governor. Then it will be his business to determine their legality or illegality. Of course his attorney general will have to bear the brunt of this work. Senator Phillips, of New Castle, is the author of a plan to create a legislative reference bureau. The scheme is in practical working order in Wisconsin, and many would like to try it here in Pennsylvania. According to the bill, which Senator Phillips is preparing, the duties of the bureau will be to pass upon the constitutional questions involved in the legislation. The bureau also will be available for drafting bills. Members are obliged to bear this expense themselves at present. Another idea is to use the card system for indexing the vast collection of information which would be collected by such a bureau. There would also be a provision for the exchange of cards between states. In this way the Pennsylvania legislature would be in touch with what law makers in other states are doing.

It is Senator Phillips' idea to throw such safeguards about the bureau as will keep it entirely out of politics. If this cannot be done the bureau will be of little value. According to the vetoes of former Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, many bills passed by the last legislature were killed by him because of their unconstitutionality. The bureau would be expected to save the governor much trouble in this respect.

It now looks as if the capitol investigating commission would not complete its work during the present session of the legislature. The members of the commission are beginning to see the vastness of their work, and it is a safe guess that they will not be through with it until late next fall. They are not likely to work during the summer months, but from present indications they will have several months work to do after the legislative adjourns. It may be possible that toward the close of the session they will ask the legislature to permit them to make their report to the governor.

BAN Q. BARTON

FARM AND GARDEN

A GATEPOST.

Method of Squaring a Log—A Help to the Axman.

In squaring a gatepost the first operation consists in removing the bark from the log. In giving directions for the work American Cultivator says: For the sake of stability as large a butt as is possible is left on the gatepost. Only that portion, therefore, which is to stand above the ground is squared. The length of this portion is measured off and the log fixed so that it will remain steady while the ends are being marked. At the same time it is placed in such a position that the most may be made of the timber it contains. The ease and readiness with which this is done depend entirely upon the skill and judgment—largely the result of practice and experience—of the axman.

The squares or rectangles are now marked on the ends with the aid of the level and rule. The first line (a vertical one) is obtained by drawing a pencil along the face of the level when it is held plumb and as close to the edge as it is deemed advisable to go. The line at right angles to this is obtained by drawing a line along the top of the same instrument when it is held level. The other lines necessary to complete the rectangle are then obtained without difficulty by measurements. Another way of marking the first line on both ends is with the aid of a plumb line. The other lines are then marked off with the aid of a blacksmith's or other square and a measure. It is very necessary that some method be adopted to prevent a "wind"



SQUARING THE POST.

or twist in the squared log. Marking the first line on each end with the plumb line or level is an easy and satisfactory way of preventing this. The ends having been marked, it is necessary to connect these marks with lines which will show the axman how deep to chop. These lines are marked or "struck" in a similar manner to that adopted by a carpenter for marking a chalk line on a board. A carpenter's line, a piece of fishing line or, failing these, a piece of string or sewing twine is used. Instead of coating the string with dry chalk, as the carpenter does, it is found better for the work in hand to use a liquid, such as whitewash.

Cuts, or kerfs, at intervals of nine to twelve inches are now chopped with a common ax almost to the lines "struck." The intervening blocks are then split off with the same ax, after which the edges are finally trimmed with the squaring ax.

The partially squared log is now rolled over until the remaining marks on the ends are in a vertical position, lines connecting these marks are "struck" and the edges squared as the others were squared. The top is then rounded off with ax and adz. This completes the squaring. The post is finished and is ready for setting in the ground.

Cabbage For Northern Markets. Cabbage for the northern market is grown in southern Florida quite extensively. The accompanying picture, from American Agriculturist, was taken



CABBAGE IN THE CRATE.

on March 14 at Palmetto, Fla. Cabbage is cut and trimmed, packed in crates as here shown and shipped to northern markets.

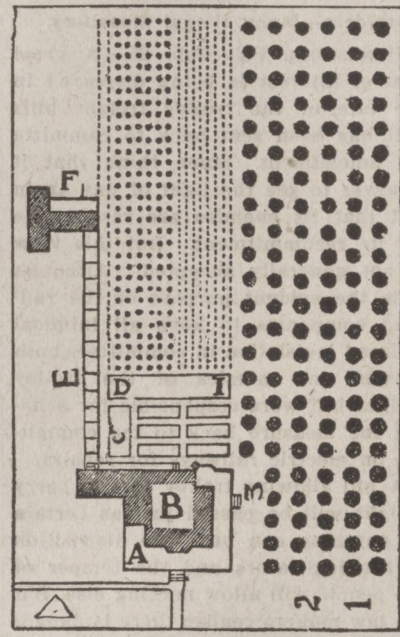
A Trellis For Blackberries. The Rathbun and Eldorado blackberries should be grown in rows and be supported by a wire on each side. I think the best way for making a trellis for supporting blackberries is to have a stout post at each end of the row and have two wires running between the posts for the blackberries to grow upon. At a distance of fifteen to twenty feet the wires should be tied together with string, and where the rows are very long perhaps an occasional slender stake may be put in to keep the wires from dropping too low. —Farm and Fireside.

The Horse Stable. It is more conducive to the health and hardiness of horse stock to be kept in barns that are well ventilated and not warmed by artificial heat than in close and steam heated stables. Pure air is as essential to pure blood and good health as is pure food. —Horse Breeder.

THE GARDEN.

An Arrangement That Is Designed to Economize Labor.

Some interesting suggestions in regard to planning a garden are given by T. Greiner in Farm and Fireside as follows: In these days, when it is so difficult to secure reliable farm labor, we must try to arrange the garden and small fruit patch in such a way that the necessity of hand labor,



PLAN OF GARDEN.

[1, 2, 3 are apple, pear and peach trees. A, B, C, terrace, house, greenhouse and hotbeds; D, E, F, flowers, grape arbor and shed. Between grapes and trees the rows of bush fruits, strawberries and vegetables are indicated.]

especially with spade, hoe, etc., is reduced to a minimum. We want the garden in one block, not in beds, and the small and bush fruits as nearly as may be in few and long rows.

My own vineyard of about 100 varieties of grapes is in almost a square block, each row having about ten or twelve vines, and this almost in the center of other cultivated lands. This was one of the great mistakes made in planning the planting. The improvement I would suggest on this plan is given in the accompanying sketch. The arbor might just as well be mostly a grape arbor, and if the two rows are not considered sufficient another might be added. Next to this "vineyard" I would place the berry patch, consisting of currants, gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries, redcaps and blackcaps; then arparagus, rhubarb and other perennials; then strawberries and finally the garden vegetables. Such an arrangement would economize labor, reducing the expensive part of it—labor by spade and hoe—to the lowest possible limit.

Warm Feed For Hogs. We have known many instances where a good feed of warm slop once a day during the winter made the difference on a big bunch of hogs between a gain and a loss. It is not by any means impossible to take a good growthy bunch through the winter making an average daily gain of one and a half or two pounds if they are fed warm slop once a day, while, on the other hand, if they are given nothing but cold water and dry grain there may be weeks at a time when they will stand still, says a writer in Iowa Homestead. The plan of cooking must be adapted to conditions, though we have found that it is generally cheaper in the end to buy a good cooker rather than to temporize with a homemade affair. Nothing is better than a good meal of warm feed once a day for brood sows, and for this purpose one can use the small grains, such as oats or barley. Of course if to this is added when it is warm a little oilmeal or tankage so much the better, because this contributes to the health and thrift of the sows and to the proper development of the little pigs.

Peculiarity of Asparagus. My asparagus has always been heavily fertilized, but some seasons, when everything seemed to indicate a large crop, only a medium one would be gathered, and sometimes when conditions were apparently unfavorable the crop would be abundant, says a writer in American Agriculturist. Last spring I had an old bed that seemed to be useless, as the spears were small, and it hardly paid to cut it the year previous; hence when I fertilized the younger beds no fertilizer was put on this, the intention being to plow it up. Other duties prevented plowing, and I was surprised to find large spears produced in fair abundance. The bed was then ridged up in good shape. Even yet I did not expect much from it, but after the few first cuttings this old bed began to do wonders. Many crowns yielded from ten to fifteen spears each at single cuttings, and fully two-thirds of these were prime. From these experiences I recommend farmers not to be in a hurry about plowing a seemingly worn-out bed that has been properly attended.

Loss of Nitrogen. The following shows conclusions arrived at as a result of experiments at the Minnesota experiment station: The loss of nitrogen from four grain farms in ten years amounted to from three to five times more than was removed by the crops. This loss was due to the rapid decay of the humus and the liberation of the nitrogen, which forms an essential part of the humus. The losses of nitrogen from these grain farms were practically the same as from the experimental plots at the university farm. The results of the tests on the small plots are in accord with the field tests in different parts of this state.

A PRACTICAL JOKER.

The Way Eugene Vivier Used to Set Paris Laughing.

Eugene Vivier, the horn player, "the most charming of men and the spoiled child of nearly every court in Europe," says Henry S. Edwards in his "Personal Recollections," was the man who said of Napoleon III., "He is the most gentlemanly emperor I know."

"What can I do for you?" said this gentlemanly emperor one day when Vivier had gone to see him at the Tuilleries.

"Come out on the balcony with me, sire," replied the genial cynic. "Some of my creditors are sure to be passing, and it will do me good to be seen in conversation with your majesty."

Vivier was a confirmed practical joker. Once while riding in an omnibus he pretended to be mad.

He indulged in the wildest gesticulations and then, as if in despair, drew a pistol from his pocket. The conductor was called upon by acclamation to interfere, and Vivier was on the point of being disarmed when suddenly he broke the pistol in two, handed half to the conductor and began to eat the other half himself. It was made of chocolate!

Vivier could not bear to see people in a hurry. According to him, there was nothing in life worth hurrying for, and, living on the boulevard just opposite the Rue Vivienne, he was much annoyed at seeing so many persons hastening toward 6 o'clock to the post-office on the Place de la Bourse.

He determined to pay them out, and for that purpose bought a calf, which he took up to his apartments at night and exhibited the next afternoon at a few minutes before 6 o'clock in the balcony of his second floor. In spite of their eagerness to catch the post many persons could not help stopping to look at the calf.

Soon a crowd collected, and messengers stayed their steps in order to gaze at the unwonted apparition. Six o'clock struck, and soon after a number of men who had missed the post returned in an irritated condition and, stopping before Vivier's house, shook their fists at him. Vivier went down to them and asked the meaning of the insolence.

"We were not shaking our fists at you," replied the enraged ones, "but at that calf."

"Ah! You know him, then?" returned Vivier. "I was not aware of it."

In time Vivier's calf became the subject of a legend, according to which the animal (still in Vivier's apartments) grew to be an ox and so annoyed the neighbors by his lowing that the proprietor of the house insisted on its being sent away. Vivier told him to come and take it, when it was found that the calf of other days had grown to such a size that it was impossible to get it downstairs.

Prescribing In Sleep. "I had an unusual experience once," said a celebrated London doctor, "which illustrates how accurately the brain may sometimes carry on the activities of the day during the interval of sleep, although such unconscious action would not do to swear by. I watched all night at the bedside of a patient. Early in the morning I lay down, telling the nurse to call me if such and such changes occurred. The changes came, and she did call me. I rose, went to the bedside, examined the patient carefully, changed the medicine and ordered a different treatment. Then I went back to bed. When I awoke again and the nurse referred to the change in the night, I did not know what she meant. I had not the faintest recollection of having been called or of having prescribed anything else. I examined the patient. She was better. Then I turned to the remedies. They were just what the case required. I had carried on the proper course of reasoning and had met every emergency of the case, and yet I was sound asleep all the while."

The True Sportsman. The true, the ideal sportsman has no environment, no center of distribution, no accurately defined geographic range. He lives in Balham or Belgrave. He is of the peerage or the proletariat. He is a general officer on the active list or a retired sergeant. He prescribes drugs in a rural dispensary or he soothes malades imaginaires in his consulting room in Harley street. He preaches in the village church or in the cathedral. His hat hangs in the hall of the castle or in the cottage porch. His income is fifty thousand a year or nothing. He rides a cob or a thoroughbred, shoots with his grandfather's hammer gun or with the newest of hammerless ejectors, fishes with a hazel rod cut at the waterside or with the latest thing in split cane, sails the summer seas in a half rater or in a Sunbeam. Sportsmanship, in short, is an instinct, a birthright, not a commodity. Any one may buy its appurtenances. No one can buy its temperament. —F. G. Aflalo in Fortnightly Review.

The Tuna a Mighty Leaper. Exactly how high a tuna can leap it is difficult to say. I have seen the water beaten into a foam by them four miles distant and have a photograph showing a fish—a black streak, at least—a mile distant, high in air, a jump of certainly ten or fifteen feet, and it is my opinion, based on what I have seen, that it is possible for a lusty tuna at full speed to project itself twenty feet into the air and thirty or forty feet in a horizontal direction. I judge the latter possible from the leap of a big tuna which cleared the kelp and landed high on the rocks at Santa Catalina. I have often stood in the center of a school of leaping tunas and watched them, but the situation is not one suggestive of repose or peace of mind. —Charles F. Holder in Outing Magazine.

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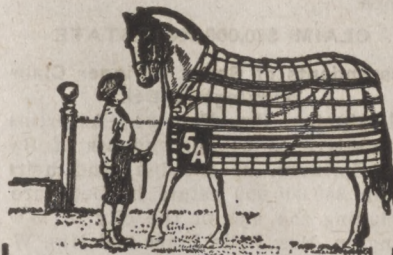
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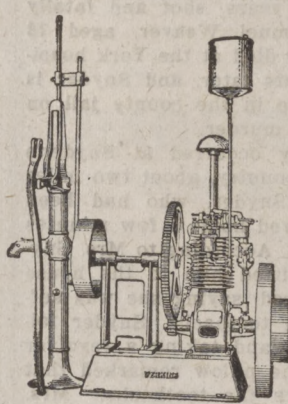
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